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HISTORY
OF THE
PRESS CLUB OF CHICAGO

AN ACCOUNT OF ITS ORGANIZATION AND PERFORMANCES
FROM JANUARY, 1880, TO SEPTEMBER, 1888,

WITH A
LIST OF MEMBERS
AND
SYNOPSIS OF IMPORTANT PROCEEDINGS.

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PRESS CLUB OF CHICAGO.

The Press Club of Chicago, with proper motives underlying its foundation, aided by dignified and able management, has, in the few years since its organization, achieved a prominence and influence for good never excelled by any similar organization in this country.

It was on November 15, 1879, that the idea of forming the present Press Club first took root in fruitful ground. On that date, Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), who was a guest of the Reception Committee on the occasion of the reception and banquet in honor of General U. S. Grant, was entertained by a number of journalists, and while festivity and flow of soul held joyous sway, he turned to Franc B. Wilkie, of *The Times*, and Mr. Melville E. Stone, of *The News*, and asked :

“ Why is it the journalists of Chicago do not have an organization similar to the New York Press Club ? ”

Mr. Wilkie responded that it was a difficult matter to get the journalists together, and that no organized effort in the direction of forming a club had been made of late years. He had, however, given the subject some thought, and in accordance with the honored guest's suggestion

would endeavor to interest other journalists in the project. Mr. Clemens urged Mr. Wilkie to do so, and said he would be glad of an opportunity to serve such an organization.

Both Mr. Wilkie and Mr. Stone agreed to use their best efforts in the direction of organizing a press club.

There had been a press club in Chicago, in which W. K. Sullivan, of *The Journal*, had been a leading spirit. This club was extinguished at a small meeting of the members held at the Briggs House, December 23, 1872. Mr. Stone and Mr. Wilkie consulted together and secured the coöperation of Mr. W. K. Sullivan, these three interested others, and the result was that on the afternoon of Sunday, January 11, 1880, sixteen journalists gathered in the club room of the Tremont House for the purpose of discussing the formation of a club. The meeting was organized by making Mr. Wilkie chairman and Mr. Stone secretary. The sixteen present signed their names to a roll, as a guarantee of membership, and the unanimous sentiment expressed was that a press club should be formed, those present taking the initiative and guaranteeing that it should not be a failure. Mr. Stone submitted the draft of a constitution and by-laws which was adopted for the purpose of operating under temporarily. A special committee was appointed to secure a hall in which to hold meetings.

The first annual meeting was called for Thursday, January 15, 1880, at 4 o'clock P.M., at the Tremont House, for the purpose of perfecting a formal organization, and

the election of officers. This meeting was duly held, there being twenty-four working journalists present. Messrs. Wilkie and Stone acted as Chairman and Secretary respectively.

On motion of Mr. Theo. Gestefeld the meeting proceeded to ballot for officers for the ensuing year with the following result :

FOR PRESIDENT.

FRANC B. WILKIE, <i>The Times</i>	17 votes.
MELVILLE E. STONE, <i>The Daily News</i>	7 “

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

First — GUY MAGEE, <i>The Tribune</i>	23 votes.
Second—W. T. COLLINS, <i>The Telegraph</i>	13 “
Third — JOHN F. BALLANTYNE, <i>The Inter Ocean</i>	13 “
GEORGE B. ARMSTRONG.....	10 “
THEO. GESTEFELD, <i>Staats Zeitung</i>	6 “
J. R. DUNLOP, <i>The Times</i>	3 “
W. K. SULLIVAN, <i>The Journal</i>	2 “
T. C. MACMILLAN, <i>The Inter Ocean</i>	2 “
THOMAS BURNSIDE, <i>The Telegraph</i>	1 “

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

MELVILLE E. STONE.....	22 votes.
THOMAS BURNSIDE.....	1 “
W. K. SULLIVAN.....	1 “

The members of the Executive Committee were voted upon singly, the result being :

THEO. GESTEFELD, <i>Staats Zeitung</i>	9 votes, balance scattering.
W. K. SULLIVAN, <i>The Journal</i>	20 “ “ “
JAMES MAITLAND, <i>The Tribune</i>	13 “ “ “
JOSEPH R. DUNLOP, <i>The Times</i>	23 “ “ “
T. C. MACMILLAN, <i>The Inter Ocean</i> ...	18 “ “ “

Mr. Dunlop, of the Special Committee on Hall, reported, asking further time, which was granted.

A Special Committee, composed of Messrs. Thomas Burnside, John J. Flinn and Henry F. Donovan, was appointed to secure publications and form the nucleus of a library.

A Visiting Committee was also appointed, consisting of Messrs. H. F. Donovan, W. B. Sullivan and Platt Lewis.

The Secretary was instructed to have slips of the Constitution printed; the Treasurer reported \$84.00 as the receipts of the meeting. Adjourned to meet at the Tremont House, Sunday, January 25, 1880, at 5 P.M.

At the next meeting, held pursuant to adjournment, Messrs. Burnside and Hardy, who had not yet signed the Constitution, affixed their signatures, and Mr. John E. Wilkie, whose dues were paid, but who had not been present at the former meeting, was accepted as an original member, the list of charter members then being composed of the following named persons: Melville E. Stone, Franc B. Wilkie, Rodney Welch, W. K. Sullivan, T. C. Macmillan, Joseph R. Dunlop, Henry F. Donovan, W. B. Sullivan, F. O. Bennett, Theo. Gestefeld, William T. Hall, John J. Flinn, J. F. Ballantyne, Elwyn A. Barron, W. T. Collins, James Maitland, Platt Lewis, Thos. E. Burnside, C. A. Snowden, Lawrence Hardy, W. P. Hanscom, Guy Magee, W. H. Hicks, John E. Wilkie and Sam V. Steele.

The Executive Committee reported having, in conjunction with the Special Committee, examined rooms at

No. 133 Clark street, in a central location, and having excellent moral surroundings. Two rooms could be procured for a rental of \$25.00 per month. The committee was authorized to secure the rooms.

THE CLUB FINDS A HOME.

The first meeting in the new rooms was held February 22, 1880. The Executive Committee reported that in passing upon applications for membership they had judged it to be their duty simply to ascertain if the applicant was constitutionally eligible, and deemed it to be outside their province to inquire whether any personal objections were held to the nominee by individual members. The committee reported favorably upon forty-three names, and all of the persons except four were duly elected to membership.

Messrs. Dunlop, Hicks and Donovan were appointed as a Committee on House Rules, and they reported a temporary code of rules which was adopted.

March 28, a regular monthly meeting was held, at which eleven new members were elected and three applicants rejected.

The Constitution which had been adopted January 22, and had been amended from time to time in minor particulars, was formally adopted at this meeting, and on motion of Mr. Stone it was decided to have it printed in

the form of a small pamphlet for the use of members. The preamble of this instrument was as follows :

For the purpose of bringing the members of the newspaper profession together in closer personal relations, to elevate the profession, to further good fellowship, and to extend a helping hand to all members of the organization who may deserve it, the undersigned hereby form themselves into a society.

At this meeting Mr. Magee moved, and it was carried, that no gambling, or game of chance, in which there might be a pecuniary interest, should be allowed in the Club rooms.

Messrs. Rodney Welch, S. J. Medill, J. B. Bradwell, Sam V. Steele, Franc B. Wilkie and M. E. Stone were appointed a Committee on Entertainment.

It will thus be seen that at this early stage the reputable journalists of Chicago, to the number of seventy-five, had been united in an organization of a stable character, having more definite and commendable aims than any that had theretofore been attempted. Once fairly established in its new rooms, the membership of the Club increased rapidly. The young organization was beset with trials of personal and tribulations of financial character not necessary to enumerate in a record which is of necessity but a plain, uncolored statement of advancement from a small beginning to a great and permanent success. There was the question of furnishing and fitting up the new rooms; the difficulty in prescribing rules for games and amusements to suit all tastes; and, more important

still, the prompt payment of all obligations and keeping out of debt.

THE FIRST SPREAD.

From time to time the thoughts of the management turned toward the matter of devising suitable and popular social diversion for the members. Saturday evening, January 24, 1880, ten days after the election of officers, President Wilkie and Treasurer Stone entertained the original members with a spread in the ladies' ordinary of the Tremont House. It was the first time in many years that working journalists to the number of thirty had met together socially, and distinctively as journalists, at their own board.

The spread was in testimonial of the gratification felt by the officers over the successful organization of the Press Club and in return of the compliment of their election as its first President and Treasurer.

A telegram of regret at his inability to be present, and offering congratulations, was received from Mark Twain, at Hartford, and read by Mr. Wilkie.

At the meeting of the Club held April 25, 1880, Mr. Canman gave notice of an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of officers by ballot at the January meeting each year; four new members were elected and three applicants rejected. Mr. Stone, owing to the demands of other business, resigned the office of Secretary,

but consented to serve as Treasurer. Mr. Thomas O. Thompson was elected temporary Financial Secretary.

June 13, 1880, Mr. Canman's amendment as to officers was unanimously adopted, providing for the same number and election in the same manner as at the present writing.

Mr. T. Z. Cowles was elected a member of the Executive Committee, vice Mr. Maitland, resigned; Thomas O. Thompson was elected Financial Secretary, and Elwyn A. Barron Recording Secretary.

The name of Blanche Roosevelt Tucker was proposed by Mr. Wilkie for honorary membership, and, this being a precedent, action was postponed.

Mr. Bennett proposed to amend the Constitution by making it require five instead of three black-balls, as formerly, to reject an applicant for membership. This was adopted June 27, 1880.

Mr. Dunlop announced on behalf of the Entertainment Committee that arrangements had been completed for a musical and literary entertainment at Central Music Hall July 14. This was subsequently postponed until September 30, 1880.

July 26, the hospitalities of the Club were extended to journalists visiting the city during the Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templars, and a Committee on Reception was appointed.

August 29, 1880, the clause in the Constitution regarding honorary membership was adopted.

THE FIRST ENTERTAINMENT.

September 30, the first annual entertainment was given at Central Music Hall. The event was a pronounced success, and at once established the annually recurring entertainments of the Press Club in popular favor. The press on the following morning related that never before had such a brilliant and critical audience assembled to do honor to any public entertainment in Chicago. Every seat and box was filled; standing room was at a premium, and ladies with opera cloaks and diamonds were as plentiful in the upper gallery as in the parquette. The programme was as follows :

PROGRAMME.

1. QUARTET—Theme and Variations in D Minor, - - - - Schubert.
LEISEGANG-HEIMENDAHL STRING QUARTET.
2. SONG—My Angel, - - - - Esser.
MR. JOHN McWADE.
3. RECITATION—Tom's Little Star, - - - - Harper's Monthly.
MRS. LAURA DAINTY.
4. ARIA—Robert toi qui J'aime, - - - - Meyerbeer.
MRS. IDA MAE PRYCE.
5. VOCAL QUARTET—Spring Night, - - - - Fischer.
THE CHICAGO CHICKERING QUARTET.
Chas. A. Knorr, Charles H. Clark, John E. McWade, Charles F. Noble.
6. VIOLIN SOLO—Spanish Dance, - - - - Sarasate.
MR. E. HEIMENDAHL.
7. ARIA—Chegioja, - - - - Mattei.
MISS EMMA ABBOTT.
8. READING—Sketch from "The Queen of Bohemia," - - - Hatton.
MR. JOSEPH HATTON.
His first appearance in America.
9. BALLAD—The Kerry Dance, - - - - Malloy.
MRS. JESSIE BARTLETT-DAVIS.
10. PIANO SOLO—Grand Polka de Concert, - - - - Bandeir.
MR. EMIL LIEBLING.
11. BALLAD—Way Down upon the Swanee River, - - - Negro Melody.
MISS EMMA ABBOTT.
12. RECITATION—"Marc Antony's Oration," from "Julius Cæsar," Shakespeare.
MR. THOMAS W. KEENE.
13. QUARTET—Serenade (new, first time in public), - - - S. G. Pratt.
LEISEGANG-HEIMENDAHL STRING QUARTET.
14. SONG—Charity, - - - - Faure.
MR. CHARLES KNORR.
15. LECTURE—Advice to Boys and Girls, - - - - Robson.
MR. STUART ROBSON.
16. BUFFO SONG—The Stew-Pan Song, - - - - Offenbach.
MR. WM. H. CRANE.
17. VOCAL QUARTET—He's the Man, - - - - Zollner.
THE CHICAGO CHICKERING QUARTET.

October 3, a meeting of the Club was held, at which Treasurer Stone reported that the estimated net proceeds of the first annual entertainment were \$2,100, of which \$1,944 were already in hand.

The thanks of the Club were extended formally by vote to George B. Carpenter, the National Printing Company, Rand, McNally & Co., Knight & Leonard, Kingsley & Burgoffer, Leroy Payne and Mr. Beardsley for assisting in making the entertainment such a success. Similar votes of thanks were tendered S. M. Moore, Esq., for a paid-up policy of insurance on the Club fixtures and to J. H. McVicker, Esq., for a number of handsome engravings, contributed to beautify and adorn the Club rooms.

A permanent Reception Committee and a permanent Committee on Entertainment were appointed; the latter to provide a social entertainment in the Club rooms on the fourth Saturday night in each month, to be known as "Ladies' Night."

October 24, 1880, the Treasurer was instructed by vote to invest \$1,500 of Club funds in interest-bearing bonds.

Blanche Roosevelt Tucker and Joseph Hatton, of London, England, were elected honorary members.

November 7, 1880, Judge Bradwell announced that the Secretary of State had informed him that a so-called Chicago Press Club had secured the corporate right to the name, and Judge Bradwell suggested that the Club adopt

the name "Press Club of Chicago." The matter was left to the Executive Committee to determine.

Treasurer Stone made a statement showing expenditures since October 24 of \$369.65 ; balance on hand to date, \$1,625.85.

Mr. Stone called attention to the approaching anniversary of the organization of the Club, January 15, 1881, and moved the appointment of a committee of three to consider the advisability of having a banquet on that date. The motion prevailed, and Messrs. Wilkie, Stone and Cowles were appointed as the committee.

ADOPTION OF THE CHARTER.

December 12, 1880, Judge Bradwell reported the receipt of the charter for the Press Club of Chicago, and the instrument was referred to the Executive Committee for examination, and was adopted by the Club at a subsequent meeting.

The Executive Committee was authorized to lease an additional room.

The Committee on Banquet reported in favor of a reception and banquet, to be held Saturday, January 15, at 5 o'clock P.M. The place of holding the banquet was left to the committee to determine.

January 2, 1881, Messrs. Barron, Colebrook, and Bradwell were appointed to revise and codify the Constitution. One hundred dollars was appropriated to the use of the Library Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stone, the annual meeting and election was called for January 20, at 4 o'clock P.M., the polls to be open from 4 to 9 o'clock. It was decided by vote that the use of proxies would not be allowed in voting at the election, and this has ever since served as a precedent.

A list of ninety-three distinguished guests to be invited to attend the banquet was approved.

FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET.

The first annual reception and banquet took place pursuant to date at the Palmer House. At 5 o'clock the hotel parlors were thronged by many votaries of society, and distinguished guests from abroad.

The banquet was essentially a press affair, the first of its kind in the history of Chicago, given by an organization of journalists, and of the two hundred guests present fully four-fifths were directly connected with the profession of journalism. The reception lasted from 5 to 7 o'clock P.M., when the guests adjourned to the handsomely decorated main dining hall, and proceeded to do justice to the feast prepared by the hotel chef.

After congratulating the Club and guests upon its material progress and the pleasant features of the anniversary, President Wilkie said:

“While I congratulate you on your marvelous growth, let me be permitted to assert the belief that there is nothing in it akin to that of those gigantic fungi which

grow up in a night, and before sunset have disappeared from existence. I know that such is not your destiny; that there is no sinister augury in the rapidity of your development. In the Mosaic cosmogony we are told that the great planetary system grew to its vast dimensions in a single day. Nearly fifty centuries have rolled away since then, and the myriad members of that system yet revolve and shine, with no diminution in their speed; no fading in their lustrous glances. Let us take hope from the fact that what is soonest ripe is not always soonest rotten, and there may be for us some of the perpetuity of this Mosaic transaction."

General Frank W. Palmer responded to the sentiment of "The Press and the President." The speaker ably delineated the efforts of the press in behalf of justice, liberty, and a government by the people that made a President possible, saying that so long as the presidency of the United States should be justly administered, and the press conscientiously conducted, the growth of governmental liberty in the western hemisphere would be as limitless as the hopes and aspirations of men.

The Hon. Joseph Medill responded to "The Press of Chicago." The speaker said the press of Chicago spoke for itself, and needed no one to sound its praise or defend its reputation. Some of the characteristics of the Chicago press were, notably, its fearless exposure of humbugs and charlatans; its enterprise; its liberality in incurring expense in the gathering of news; its help to Chicago in the vast growth of the city; and, as to the personnel of

the press, it employed and drew to this city the best journalistic talent of the country.

Mayor Carter H. Harrison responded to the toast of "The Press and the City of Chicago."

Mr. John Ritchie responded to the toast, "Stenography, the Lightning of the Press."

James W. Sheahan, to "The Veterans of the Press."

The Hon. Emery Storrs, to "The Press and the Bar."

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Storrs said:

"When we speak of the freedom of the press we usually think of it as something we have always enjoyed—a privilege which has never really been denied to us. We do not remember, and perhaps some of us never knew, that it is the youngest-born of all our great privileges. * * * That freedom has been achieved by the joint action of the press itself, the bar and juries, and in the great majority of instances, against government and the representatives of government upon the bench. * * * There is nothing in this world so good that is not a little better by being watched. No statesman is so pure and lofty that he is not likely to become still purer and still loftier so long as he feels that keen eyes are upon him to observe every move that he makes. Dishonest legislators fear this freedom of the press, for the exercise of that freedom is the only method by which their dishonest schemes may be exposed. * * * So many members of the press are here tonight that I venture to suggest in their presence and to them some needed legislation on the law of libel. * * * The law as it now stands is injurious, both to the injured

person and to the press. There may not be one word of truth in the article published, nor a single scintilla of malice in the publisher. The jury may reach the conclusion that no damages have been suffered and return their verdict for six cents, the result of which is the practical destruction of the complaining party. But under such statute as I have named, a verdict of six cents would be as complete and perfect a vindication as a verdict for thousands of dollars. Libel suits would not be then instituted for speculative purposes, and the newspaper could afford to deal, as it always ought to, fairly, justly and generously with the injured individual. Some such enactments are necessary, as the law now stands in this country. The growing necessity for the fullest and largest discussion of public measures, and the demand of the people to know about public men all that they ought to know to wisely and intelligently judge concerning them, renders any return to the bad old times utterly impossible. * * * Freedom of the press is as essential as the right of trial by jury, and without it suffrage will be a failure, for it would not be possible for suffrage to be intelligent."

The speaker was loudly applauded upon the close of his remarks.

Gov. Eli Murray, of Utah, took the place in the list of speakers accredited to Col. Charles A. Taylor, of the Boston *Globe*, who was detained in the East. The Governor desired the press of Chicago to leave nothing undone until Utah should be free from polygamy and admitted into the Union, that there might be an unbroken chain of states from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The Hon. C. C. Bonney, of Chicago, responded to the sentiment, "The Press and the Government"; the Hon. Henry Watterson, of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, to "The Press of Dixie"; Herman Raster, Esq., of the Illinois *Staats Zeitung*, to "The German Press"; C. G. Siebenech, of the Pittsburgh *Chronicle*, to "The Press of Pittsburgh, the Gate City of the Continent"; the Hon. F. A. Eastman, to "The Bucolic Press"; George W. Peck, of Milwaukee, to "The Press and the Ladies"; the Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas, to "The Press and the Pulpit, Coöperating for the Betterment of the People."

A number of journalists and invited guests abroad, who were unable to attend the banquet, sent messages of regret, among the number Oswald Ottendorfer, of the New York *Staats Zeitung*; Samuel Bowles, of the Springfield, Mass., *Republican*; Edwin L. Godkin, of the New York *Nation*; Whitelaw Reid, John W. Forney, George William Curtis, Charles Dudley Warner; R. M. Pulsifer, of the Boston *Herald*; Dr. George L. Miller, of the Omaha *Herald*; Thomas W. Knox, of New York; Fred Hassaurek, of Cincinnati; J. R. McLean, of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*; Horace White, of New York; Robert J. Burdette, C. M. Goodsell; Thomas B. Connery, of the New York *Herald*; Charles M. Walker, of the Indianapolis *Journal*; Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, Carl Schurz, D. N. Lamont, George Alfred Townsend; Joseph B. McCullagh, of the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, and John C. Hennessy, of New York. Archibald Forbes, who was

tarrying at Hamilton, Ont., on his lecture tour through America, also expressed his regrets at being unable to attend, as did the Hon. Wilbur F. Storey, who was indisposed.

HARTFORD, December 29.

I have been away for a fortnight, and I find on my return your pleasing invitation to be one of the Press Club's guests, January 15. I should vastly like to be there, but, even if other circumstances did not bar me from going, I should be barred anyway by the formidable size of the trip in this mid-winter weather.

I was glad to be remembered by the gentlemen of the Club, but if I had been overlooked, I wouldn't have taken it as a cold wave, but only as an oversight, for there has been a long interval since we foregathered there. (To give one the "cool shake" is vulgar and slangy; I use the other phrase in the interest of refinement and in deference to the weather.) I was glad to be remembered, because I had not slacked up in my remembering the boys, and one likes such things to be mutual, and I was also glad because the circumstances of my visit out there a year ago were such that I arrogate to myself as near a kinship to the Club as anyone may who is not an actual member of the family.

With the heartiest congratulations upon the success achieved by your organization thus far, and with best wishes for its continued prosperity,

I am truly yours,

MARK TWAIN.

OFFICE OF THE BOSTON "GLOBE," January 12.

Many thanks for your kind invitation to the first annual banquet of the Press Club of Chicago. I regret that I cannot be present. We recently issued the Boston *Daily Globe* dated one hundred years ahead, or in January, 1980. The paper was crowded then when we "made up," as papers are now, and I respectfully submit for your consideration some pieces of news which were crowded out, and which

we presume would have interested Chicago people. They are submitted with my best wishes for all present.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES H. TAYLOR.

IN A HUNDRED YEARS.

After items about the movements of Bishop Ingersoll, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago District, who lectured in the Southern Circuit, Washington, on "The Mistakes of My Ancestors," the statement that upon the receipt of the census of Chicago's 1,647 wards, showing a population of 15,665,714, thousands of the older citizens of St. Louis committed suicide; an estimate based on sworn statements of the circulation of the older Chicago dailies in which they ranged from 863,994 to 863,999 each, and the comment that the new law which obliged proprietors to divide fifty per cent of their profits with editors and reporters was working smoothly, and had made a perceptible increase in the number of good trotting horses in the city, there came, as follows, an account of the

ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE CHICAGO PRESS CLUB.

Chicago, Jan. 15, 1981.—The one hundred and first annual banquet of the Press Club of Chicago has proved an overwhelming success. The new dining room of the Palmer House, which will seat nine thousand people, was completely filled, more than four thousand ladies being in attendance. The company represented more wealth than any assembly of similar size ever gathered in any dining room or hall in this country. There were nine hundred and seventeen hundred editors present, who were worth from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 each, and it was estimated that the diamonds worn by the ladies were worth \$2,000,000. Representatives of the press from Paris, London, Japan, and other distant points came in during the evening, arriving by the different aerial lines. The literary programme was, as usual, equal to about twenty issues of *Harper's*, *Scribner's* and the *Atlantic Monthly* combined, and gave unbounded satisfaction. The ladies claimed half the offices and were awarded two-thirds of them, with the usual gallantry which has always characterized the Chicago man.

The Club has about \$2,000,000 in the treasury, and it was voted to

make the next, or one hundred and second, re-union an occasion when the presidents, kings, queens and rulers of every sort and the leading men of all nations might be brought together. A committee of gentlemen of the Club, who have a personal or bowing acquaintance with the various rulers of the world, was selected to extend the invitations. To insure the most rigid honesty in the Club, the surplus in the treasury was divided among the members previous to adjournment.

CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS.

Shortly before the annual banquet the following passed in behalf of the Press Club of Chicago to the New York Press Club, on the occasion of the eighth annual dinner of that organization :

CHICAGO PRESS CLUB,

H. Clay Lukens, Esq.:

CHICAGO, January 2, 1881.

MY DEAR SIR,-- This organization gladly acknowledges the New York Press Club as its prototype, and takes a fraternal interest in the pronounced success of the parent. The formal greetings of this Club will be sent you by telegraph on Thursday afternoon, F. B. Wilkie, our President, having agreed with me to send a dispatch.

Very sincerely,

ELWYN A. BARRON,

Secretary Chicago Press Club.

TELEGRAM FROM CHICAGO PRESS CLUB.

CHICAGO, January 5, 1881.

Secretary Press Club, St. Nicholas Hotel, New York :

The Press Club of Chicago sends fraternal greeting. Clubs are trumps, and with one bower held in Chicago and the other in New York, America will play a lone hand against the rest of the universe and make it, sure.

CHICAGO PRESS CLUB.

At the meeting of January 20, 1881, it was resolved to require the Treasurer to give a bond of \$10,000 with two sureties, and the committee having in hand the revision of

the Constitution were instructed to make this a constitutional requirement. It was subsequently decided to require a bond of the Financial Secretary in the sum of \$2,000, with two sureties.

SECOND ANNUAL ELECTION.

The second annual election of officers took place January 20, 1881, and the result on president was a tie vote between Franc B. Wilkie and W. K. Sullivan, each receiving 48 votes. The balance of the Sullivan ticket was elected as follows :

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT :

RODNEY WELCH, *The Times*.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT :

GUY MAGEE, *The Tribune*.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT :

JOHN J. FLINN, *The Daily News*.

TREASURER :

J. B. BRADWELL.

RECORDING SECRETARY :

ELWYN A. BARRON.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY :

JOHN M. DANDY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

J. R. DUNLOP,

The Times.

T. C. MACMILLAN,

The Inter Ocean.

H. F. DONOVAN,

The Journal.

W. H. FRENCH,

Western Associated Press.

R. A. PATTERSON,

The Tribune.

A special election for president was held January 26, at which 69 votes were cast, W. K. Sullivan receiving 55 ; balance scattering.

Prior to the special election Mr. Wilkie gave up the contest and had a friendly understanding with Mr. Sullivan, he having learned that he was to go abroad and represent *The Times* in London. In April following, when Mrs. Wilkie departed to join her husband, the Club tendered her a farewell reception and accompanied her departure with regrets and good wishes, in return for the deep interest she had ever evinced in the welfare of the Club, and her willing and valuable assistance rendered on every social occasion.

January 30, President Sullivan appointed standing committees for the year as follows :

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—Theo. Gestefeld, E. H. Talbot, John J. Flinn, Jere Mahoney, Collins Shackelford, James Sullivan.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.—M. E. Stone, T. Z. Cowles, E. A. Barron, S. V. Steele, Wm. Colebrook.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.—W. T. Hall, F. O. Bennett, Washington Hesing, J. W. Scott, Elliott Durand.

VISITING COMMITTEE.—W. H. Hicks, C. E. Nixon, J. E. Wilkie.

Messrs. Stone, Magee and Cunningham were appointed a special committee to procure an oil portrait of the retiring president, and since this time the custom has prevailed annually, fine oil portraits of all the ex-presidents now adorning the walls of the Club rooms.

February 13, the Club extended by vote thanks to Mrs. Wilbur F. Storey for a portrait of her distinguished husband, executed by herself. Thanks were also extended to Messrs. Liebling and Newell for a contribution of engravings.

At this meeting the initiation fee was increased to \$10.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Ernst Buhlert, a promising German journalist, lately deceased, were adopted and spread upon the records.

May 1, a new lease was effected of the rooms where the Club has made its home from the start.

William T. Hall was made Librarian of the Club.

By the adoption of the new charter the officers became ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.

SECOND ENTERTAINMENT.

The second annual entertainment of the Club took place at Central Music Hall, Tuesday evening, October 11, 1881, and was no less a pronounced success than its forerunner of a year before.

PROGRAMME.

1. ORGAN—Grand Offertoire de Ste. Cecile, - - - - - *Batiste.*
MR. H. CLARENCE EDDY.
2. PART SONG, - - - - - *Selected.*
APOLLO CLUB.
3. CORNET SOLO—Fantasie, - - - - - *Hartman.*
SIGNOR LIBERATI.
4. ARIA—O Mio Fernando, - - - - - *Donizetti.*
MISS HARRIET C. McLAIN.
5. VIOLIN SOLO—Hungarian Airs, - - - - - *Ernst.*
MR. ADOLPH ROSENBECKER.
6. RECITATION—Aux Italiens, - - - - - *Meredith*
MR. SAMUEL KAYSER.
7. VOCAL QUARTET—The Star of Love, - - - - - *Buck.*
ST. CECILIA QUARTET.
Miss Ettie Butler, Mrs. Clifford Williams, Mrs. Frank Hall,
Mrs. Jenny T. Kempton.
8. PIANO— $\begin{cases} a \text{ Last Hope,} & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & \text{Gottschalk.} \\ b \text{ Le Tourbillon,} & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & \text{Goldbeck.} \end{cases}$
MR. EMIL LIEBLING.
9. TENOR SOLO—Dost Thou Remember? - - - - - *Liebling.*
MR. CHARLES A. KNORR.
10. STACCATO POLKA, - - - - - *Mulder.*
MLLE. MARIE LITTA.

INTERMISSION.

1. ORGAN—Overture—William Tell, - - - - - *Rossini.*
MR. H. CLARENCE EDDY.
2. BARITONE SOLO—How Fair Art Thou, - - - - - *White.*
MR. JOHN E. McWADE.
3. AVE MARIA—With Violin, Piano and Organ, - - - - - *Gounod.*
MISS EMMA HECKLE.
4. READING, - - - - - *Selected.*
MISS ANNA MORGAN.
5. QUARTET—The Fisher Boy, - - - - - *Braun.*
CHICKERING QUARTET.
Chas. A. Knorr, Charles H. Clark, John E. McWade, Chas. T. Noble.
6. ARIA—Lucia di Lammermoor, - - - - - *Donizetti.*
MLLE. MARIE LITTA.
With Flute Obligato, MR. OSCAR OESTERLE.
7. RECITATION—Sheridan's Ride, - - - - - *Buchanan Reid.*
MR. CHARLES R. THORNE, JR.
8. BALLAD—Forever and Forever, - - - - - *Tosti.*
MISS HARRIET C. McLAIN.
9. THE VAGABONDS, - - - - - *Trowbridge.*
MR. JOHN McCULLOUGH.
10. BARITONE SOLO—The Yeoman's Wedding Song, - - - - - *Poniatowsky.*
MR. GEORGE H. BRODERICK.
11. THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER, - - - - - *Key.*
MR. THOMAS W. KEENE.

SECOND BANQUET.

The second annual banquet occurred at the Palmer House, Saturday, January 14, 1882, on which occasion the following was the programme of exercises:

SECOND ANNUAL BANQUET
OF THE
CHICAGO PRESS CLUB
AT THE
PALMER HOUSE, SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 1882.

PROGRAMME OF EXERCISES.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, - - - - -	W. K. SULLIVAN.
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, - - -	W. E. CURTIS.
CITY OF CHICAGO, - - - - -	J. B. HINMAN.
VETERANS OF THE PRESS, - - - - -	ANDREW SHUMAN.
NEWSPAPER REPORTER, - - - - -	J. W. SHEAHAN.
AMERICAN PRESS IN EUROPE, - - - -	FRANC B. WILKIE.
PROGRESS OF THE PRESS, - - - - -	M. E. STONE.

Reading of acknowledgments and regrets from invited guests.

THE NEWS-GATHERER, - - - - -	JOHN RITCHIE.
GERMAN PRESS, - - - - -	THEODORE GESTEFELD.
RELIGIOUS PRESS, - - - - -	LEANDER STONE.
THE PRESS AND THE STAGE, - - - - -	W. D. EATON.
THE PRESS AND THE BAR, - - - - -	H. W. THOMSON.
SUBURBAN PRESS, - - - - -	GEO. W. PECK.
THE LADIES, - - - - -	JOHN M. DANDY.

THIRD ANNUAL ELECTION.

The officers elected January 19, 1882, were :

PRESIDENT :

SAMUEL J. MEDILL, *The Tribune*.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT :

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT :

J. B. HINMAN, *The Times*.

W. D. EATON, *The Herald*.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT :

W. E. CURTIS, *The Inter Ocean*.

SECRETARY :

FINANCIAL SECRETARY :

ELWYN A. BARRON,

EDGAR L. WAKEMAN,

The Inter Ocean. *Corres. The Louisville Courier-Journal.*

TREASURER :

J. B. BRADWELL, *The Legal News*.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS :

J. H. BALLARD, *The Inter Ocean*,

F. S. DAVIDSON, *The Times*,

N. A. REED, Jr., *The Daily News*,

O. H. PERRY, *The Journal*,

R. W. RANSOM, *The Tribune*.

HOUSE COMMITTEE :

H. B. HUMPHREY, *The Times*,

W. T. HALL, *The Tribune*,

L. W. BUSBY, *The Inter Ocean*.

THE THIRD ENTERTAINMENT.

The Club this year determined to change its style of entertainment and give a lecture by a prominent speaker. The Hon. Emory A. Storrs was about to return from a trip to Europe, and it was deemed advisable to have him give a lecture on his experiences while abroad. He was cabled about the matter and replied favorably. When he returned he lectured for the Press Club in Central Music Hall, October 23, and the house was completely filled. The stage was occupied by the leading citizens, and Mr. Storrs was introduced by the Hon. Joseph Medill. His lecture was entitled "Ninety Days in Europe," and was replete with wit and humor. The programme was as follows:

THIRD ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

CHICAGO PRESS CLUB

AT

CENTRAL MUSIC HALL,

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 23, 1882.

THE HON. EMORY A. STORRS

WILL LECTURE ON

NINETY DAYS IN EUROPE.

ORGAN PRELUDE by H. CLARENCE EDDY.

This lecture was a great success, and netted over \$1,600 to the treasury of the Club. Mr. Storrs made no charge for his services.

FOURTH ANNUAL ELECTION.

There was practically no opposition to the ticket elected January 4, 1883, W. E. Curtis, of *The Inter Ocean*, being elected President, receiving forty-nine votes, and but a few scattering votes being cast in opposition to the balance of the ticket. The ticket as elected was as follows:

PRESIDENT:

W. E. CURTIS, *The Inter Ocean*.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:

JOHN F. BALLANTYNE,
The Herald.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:

N. A. REED, JR.,
The Daily News.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:

MARTIN J. RUSSELL, *The Times*.

SECRETARY:

ROBERT B. PEATTIE,
The Herald.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

EDGAR L. WAKEMAN,
Corres. The Louisville Courier-Journal.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

SAMUEL V. STEELE, *The Times*, J. H. BALLARD, *The Inter Ocean*,
W. A. TAYLOR, *The Tribune*, O. H. PERRY, *The Journal*,
JOHN RITCHIE, *The Associated Press*.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

E. FITZGERALD, *The Tribune*, W. L. SEVERING, *The Inter Ocean*,
W. M. KNOX, *The Herald*.

The new officers were installed January 28, 1883, with the exception of Mr. Wakeman, who sent in a communication stating that owing to enforced absence from the city he could not serve. Mr. Wakeman's resignation was accepted, and the following resolutions passed :

WHEREAS, Mr. Edgar L. Wakeman, reelected Financial Secretary of the Press Club of Chicago at the last general election, finds it necessary, for business reasons, to resign his position ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the loss of Mr. Wakeman, in his official capacity, the Club is deprived of one of its most energetic and valued officers, many of the fruits of whose unselfish striving for the welfare of the Club we are today enjoying. Be it further

Resolved, That in parting with Mr. Wakeman as our Financial Secretary we express our deepest regret for the necessity making his retirement imperative.

President Curtis appointed the following standing committees :

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.—F. B. Wilkie, W. T. Hall, Slason Thompson, John M. Dandy, Frank E. Johnson.

VISITING COMMITTEE.—A. F. Shuman, W. T. C. Hyde, W. H. Freeman.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—E. H. Talbot, C. M. Pepper, James Maitland, John B. Adams, C. M. Faye.

Messrs. J. H. Ballard, J. B. Hinman, F. B. Wilkie and C. M. Faye were appointed a Special Committee to secure a sitting of Samuel J. Medill, late President of the Club, for an oil portrait of himself.

Mr. R. B. Peattie was elected Acting Secretary.

February 4, a special meeting was held for the election of a Financial Secretary, and on motion the Secretary was

instructed to cast the ballot of the Club for Mr. George E. Wright, for the position, which was done.

March 4, the question of joining the International League of Press Clubs came up, on a resolution offered by N. A. Reed, Jr. After several desultory motions the matter was referred to a Special Committee, composed of Messrs. Reed, Thompson, Perry, Wakeman and Ballard, for future report. This committee reported March 25, citing numerous objections to the League, and no advantages to the Press Club of Chicago in joining it. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the New York Press Club, declining, on behalf of the Press Club of Chicago, to enter the League, and to inform the New York Press Club, at the same time, that if the original intention of holding the first League Convention in Chicago was adhered to, this Club would appoint a Committee on Reception and Arrangements and render all assistance possible, and extend the privileges of the Club rooms to visitors.

March 25, on motion of Mr. Wilkie, resolutions were adopted concerning the death of Mr. Frank Hatton, son of Joseph Hatton, an honorary member of the Club, who died in Borneo.

October 28, Charles D. Wright was elected Acting Secretary, vice Peattie, resigned, and November 4 Mr. Wright was formally elected Secretary.

Messrs. Wilkie, Reed and O'Neill were appointed a Special Committee to visit sick members.

November 4, a letter from Joseph Medill was received and read, expressing satisfaction with the portrait of the late President, Samuel J. Medill, which portrait was then on exhibition at the Leland Hotel.

Thanks were extended to the Boston Ideal Opera Company and Miss Ober for their proposal to sing in concert for the Club, Friday afternoon, November 16, and to Mr. John A. Hamlin for the tender of the use of the Grand Opera House, on that occasion. Messrs. Dandy, Hall, Bradwell, Sullivan and Cowles were appointed a Committee on Programme and Entertainment.

November 11, a special memorial meeting was held to take suitable action in reference to the death of Samuel J. Medill, late the honored President of the Club, the account of which is memorialized near the close of this volume.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT
OF THE
CHICAGO PRESS CLUB
AT THE
GRAND OPERA HOUSE,
FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 16, 1883.

PROGRAMME.

- OVERTURE—Raymond, - - - - - Thomas.
 QUARTETTE—Song of the Lark, - - - - - Mendelssohn.
 MISS ULMAR, MISS BURTON, MR. MORSELL and MR. BARNABEE.
 ROMANZA—Perche mi Volga, - - - - - Rizzo.
 MR. KARL.
 SONG—Tompkin's Silver Wedding, - - - - - H. M. Dow.
 MR. BARNABEE.
 COMEDIETTA—Come Here, - - - - -
 MME. JANAUSCHEK.
 First time in four years.
 SONG—Let All Obey, - - - - - Leach.
 MR. McDONALD.
 DUET—From "Lakme," - - - - - Delibes.
 MISS STONE and MISS ULMAR.
 PIANO SOLO { La Fileuse, - - - - - Raff.
 { Scherzo, Op. 31, - - - - - Chopin.
 MR. LIEBLING.
 SONG—The Two Grenadiers, - - - - - Schumann.
 MR. WHITNEY.
 SKETCH - - - - - Original.
 MR. FREDERICK McCABE.
 PART SONG, - - - - - Selected.
 MALE VOICES FROM "IDEAL OPERA."
 PRAYER—From the "Prophet," - - - - - Meyerbeer.
 MISS PHILLIPS.
 ROMANZA—Domain, - - - - - Palloni.
 MR. MORSELL.
 GRAND CHORUS—Hail, Poetry! - - - - - Sullivan.
 BOSTON IDEAL COMPANY.
 MUSICAL DIRECTOR, - - - MR. S. L. STUDLEY.

November 25, the Executive Committee reported the net proceeds of the entertainment to date, as \$711.65. This was subsequently increased to about \$1,000.

Thanks were formally extended by vote to John A. Hamlin, the Boston Ideal Company, Madame Janauschek, Fred Maccabe, the Weber Piano Company, John B. Jeffery, W. D. Allen, J. C. Craig, Charles Kreuger and Charles Reisig.

Saturday evening, November 31, a reception was tendered to the Boston Ideals, Miss Ober and Madame Janauschek, in the Club rooms. The attendance was large and the affair a complete social success.

November 25, Mr. George Mills, editor of the *American Journalist*, addressed the Club in the interest of that publication. It was indorsed, and its encouragement recommended to journalists.

December 23, Mr. W. K. Sullivan presented to the Club a portrait of the Hon. George Schneider, founder of the Illinois *Staats Zeitung*, and a life member of the Club. Speeches eulogistic of Mr. Schneider's pioneer efforts in journalism and his success were made, and a vote of thanks tendered him for his portrait.

December 23, it was decided to hold the annual banquet on January 5, at 5 o'clock P.M., and Messrs. Wilkie, Harper, Bates, Frazer and Ballantyne were appointed a Committee on Arrangements.

FIFTH ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election of officers was held January 3, 1884, from 4 till 9 o'clock. On this occasion there were two caucus tickets in the field. Mr. Frank S. Davidson, of the Western Associated Press, who was named for President on one ticket, refused to stand as a candidate after the polls had been open some time. Mr. Davidson received 39 votes.

The following were the officers elected :

PRESIDENT :

JAMES B. BRADWELL, *The Legal News.*

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT :

VICTOR F. LAWSON,
The Daily News.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT :

GUY MAGEE,
The Times.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT :

T. C. MACMILLAN, *The Inter Ocean.*

RECORDING SECRETARY :

C. D. WRIGHT, *The Inter Ocean.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY :

JOHN M'GOVERN, *The Tribune.*

TREASURER :

JAMES W. SCOTT, *The Herald.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS :

LEO CANMAN, <i>The Tribune,</i>	W. S. WALKER, <i>The Times,</i>
THOMAS O'NEILL, <i>The Herald,</i>	E. R. DILLINGHAM, <i>The Times,</i>
W. M. KNOX, <i>The Daily News.</i>	

HOUSE COMMITTEE :

J. W. BINGHAM, <i>The Daily News,</i>	E. J. MCPHELM, <i>The Tribune,</i>
F. B. WILKIE, <i>The Times.</i>	

January 27, the Banquet Committee reported that the festivities at the Grand Pacific Hotel had been attended by but seventy-one members of the Club, and the banquet had not been as brilliant and successful as its predecessors of former years.

Mr. Knox resigned from the new Board of Directors, and at the next meeting Mr. J. Harry Ballard of *The Inter Ocean* was elected to fill the vacancy.

March 23, a vote of thanks was tendered the Hon. John Wentworth for a striking and excellent portrait of himself, which he had presented to the Club in compliance with request.

Treasurer Scott, who had in hand the furnishing of a new library and reading room, reported that an anonymous friend had presented a carpet, and the remainder of the fittings would be put in free of charge. A vote of thanks was extended Mr. Scott for his efforts in behalf of the Club.

April 27, a vote of thanks was extended to the Hon. Joseph Medill for his portrait; to Mrs. J. B. Jeffery, for gifts to beautify the Club rooms, and to Samuel L. Clemens, Esq., for a complete set of his works.

September 28, Mr. R. J. Murphy was made acting Secretary, vice Mr. Wright, resigned, and at the next meeting Mr. Murphy was duly elected Secretary.

THE FIFTH ENTERTAINMENT.

Mr. Canman, of the Entertainment Committee, reported that "Josh Billings" had offered to lecture for the benefit of the Club at Central Music Hall, Thanksgiving evening, November 26. Owing to illness this entertaining lecturer could not keep his engagement, and Mr. James Whitcomb Riley, the "Hoosier poet," lectured instead. Prof. Falk presided at the organ. The entertainment was in every way successful. The programme was as follows :

HISTORY OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT

OF THE

CHICAGO PRESS CLUB,

AT

CENTRAL MUSIC HALL,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 26, 1884.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

1. ORGAN OVERTURE—"Oberon," - - - - - *Weber.*
PROF. LOUIS FALK.
2. HUMOROUS LECTURE, - - - - -
MR. JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY,
Of the Indianapolis Journal.
3. PIANO. { (a) "Ecossaises," - - - - - *Chopin.*
 { (b) Variations on "La ci Darem la Mano," - - - *Seeboeck.*
MR. W. C. E. SEEBOECK.
4. CAVATINA—Bel Raggio, "Semiramide," - - - - - *Rossini.*
MISS JENNIE DUTTON.
5. ARIA—"O Possente Magia!" - - - - - *Dinorah—Meyerbeer.*
MR. GEORGE SWEET.

PART II.

6. PIANO—"Rhapsodie No. 14," - - - - - *Liszt.*
MR. W. C. E. SEEBOECK.
7. SELECTION— - - - -
THATCHER, PRIMROSE & WEST'S MINSTREL QUARTETTE.
8. SONG—"The Village Blacksmith's Bride," - - - - - *Holzel.*
MISS JENNIE DUTTON.
9. BALLAD - - - - - *Selected.*
MR. GEORGE SWEET.
10. RECITATION—"Shamus O'Brien," - - - - -
MR. LAWRENCE BARRETT.
11. SELECTION - - - - -
THATCHER, PRIMROSE & WEST'S QUARTETTE.

SIXTH ANNUAL ELECTION.

December 28, on motion of Mr. Knox, the Club resolved to go into caucus at the next meeting for the purpose of nominating a list of officers for the next year, to be voted for at the annual election. The caucus was duly held, and a ticket nominated, which was defeated in the ensuing election, January 8, 1885.

The following was the result :

PRESIDENT :

JOSEPH R. DUNLOP, *The Inter Ocean.*

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT :

JOHN M. DANDY,
The Saturday Evening Herald.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT :

W. M. KNOX,
The Daily News.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT :

RODNEY WELCH, *The Times.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY :

CHARLES H. DENNIS, *The Daily News.*

RECORDING SECRETARY :

W. T. HALL,
The Tribune.

R. J. MURPHY,
The Journal.

TREASURER :

J. B. BRADWELL, *The Legal News.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS :

EDGAR L. WAKEMAN,
The Current.

W. H. HARPER,
The Inter Ocean.

LEO CANMAN,
The Tribune.

ARNOLD PIERCE,
The Times.

F. O. BENNETT, *At large.*

HOUSE COMMITTEE :

E. R. DILLINGHAM, *The Mail.*

D. E. SASSEEN, *The Times.*

WALTER NEEF, *The Associated Press.*

The annual entertainment of 1884, like its predecessors, was a grand success in point of attractions, attendance, and management. Many noted artists volunteered their services; and January 25, 1885, the Club passed formal votes of thanks to the following: Mr. George B. Carpenter, Miss Jennie Dutton, Mrs. Sasseen, Lawrence Barrett, George Sweet, J. M. W. Jones Co., Prof. Louis Falk, Prof. Seeboeck, Thatcher, Primrose & West's Minstrels, National Printing Company, and Broadway & Treyser.

At the same meeting President Dunlop submitted lists of standing committees for the year, as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE.—E. R. Dillingham, Walter Neef, D. E. Sasseen.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.—J. W. Scott, John M. Dandy, F. E. Johnson, Washington Hesing, Chas. E. Nixon.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—M. E. Stone, W. K. Sullivan, J. B. Bradwell, Charles M. Pepper, Leander Stone.

VISITING COMMITTEE.—Charles S. Diehl, Nate A. Reed, Jr., W. T. C. Hyde.

The Secretary, under date of January 25, 1885, submitted a report showing that there was a membership of 152 at the close of the year, twenty-four members having retired and been dropped from the rolls for various causes. Of the members at that date, 138 were resident and active; 11 non-resident, 1 life member and 2 honorary members. Twenty-six new members were admitted during the year, and there were three deaths of members.

Treasurer Scott's report, upon retiring from office January 25, 1885, made the following showing:

Receipts for the year, \$3,916.50; expenditures, \$3,581.53; surplus balance, \$334.97; bonds, \$1,200; total balance, \$1,534.97.

February 22 it was resolved to issue cards of admission to the Club rooms, good for two weeks, to resident newspaper men not members of the Club.

In April of this year the Chicago Board of Trade moved to its new home, and in arranging for the opening ceremonies the President of the Press Club was chosen to respond for the press at the grand banquet held at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

May 24, Charles H. Dennis, Financial Secretary, and W. T. Hall, Recording Secretary, impelled by stress of other duties, resigned the positions to which they had been elected. Mr. F. E. Johnson was elected acting Financial Secretary. July 6, at a special election, Mr. Johnson was duly elected Financial Secretary and R. J. Murphy Recording Secretary.

In June, the Mexican journalists visited the United States, and while in Chicago they were the guests of the Press Club. The Board of Trade entered into active coöperation with the Club and raised a comfortable sum to defray the expenses of the entertainment of the distinguished visitors. A banquet was given them at the Palmer House, and their three days' stay in Chicago was made exceedingly pleasant. When they returned to

Mexico, a volume was published in Spanish, giving the history of the tour, and in this the Press Club of Chicago is given the first place.

August 23, a vote of thanks was tendered C. D. Mosher for framed photographs of the distinguished Mexican editors who were guests of the Club.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF EMERY A. STORRS.

Messrs. Leo Canman, T. Z. Cowles and Henry Wendell Thomson were appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions relative to the death of the Hon. Emery A. Storrs. The committee reported the following, which were unanimously adopted and ordered spread upon the records, and the Secretary was instructed to transmit a suitably prepared copy to Mrs. Storrs :

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Emery A. Storrs the press of Chicago will miss a staunch and devoted friend, whose conception of the true relations of the press and of public men toward each other might well serve as a model and a standard. He had a hearty contempt for the fallacy that to say nothing is to establish a reputation for superior wisdom ; and in recognition of the binding force of the unwritten law that whatever the public wants the public is entitled to have, he was at all times ready and willing to impart information that was a proper subject for publication. He was the friend of the interviewer, and did much toward popularizing and rendering valuable that feature of journalism. In Mr. Storrs the Press Club of Chicago recognized a generous friend and a helper, whose voice and splendid abilities were at all times at the Club's service. Although ineligible to membership, he stood in the relation of one of us, in the sense of his hearty sympathy with all the ends and aims of our organization.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Club, and that a copy of the same be transmitted by the Secretary to the family of the deceased.

November 1, 1885, the Club adopted an amendment to the Constitution changing the date of meeting of the Club from the fourth to the second Sunday of each month.

THE SIXTH ENTERTAINMENT.

When the time approached for the sixth annual entertainment, the committee, consisting of J. W. Scott, chairman, J. M. Dandy, F. E. Johnson, Washington Hesing, and Charles E. Nixon, determined to outdo all previous attempts, and the result proved their efforts were successful. They prepared an excellent programme, and the hall was crowded with the best people in the city. Everything moved with clock-like precision, and the committee merited the thanks of the Club, which were voted at the subsequent meeting. The programme was as follows:

SIXTH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT
 OF THE
 PRESS CLUB OF CHICAGO,
 CENTRAL MUSIC HALL,
 THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 5, 1885.

PROGRAMME.

ORGAN—"Offertoire de Ste. Cécile," - - - - - *Batiste*
 HARRISON M. WILD.

LECTURE—"Advice to Young Men," - - - - -
 ROBERT J. BURDETTE.

BOLERO, - - - - - *Arditi*.
 MISS JENNIE DUTTON.

RECITATION—"Lasca," - - - - - *Despraise*.
 SAMUEL KAYZER.

MONOLOGUE—"Artistic Africa," - - - - -
 WILLIS P. SWEATNAM,
 Courtesy of Haverly's Home Minstrels.

ARIA—From "Le Postilion de Lonjumeau," - - - - - *Adam*.
 FERDINAND WACHTEL.
 Courtesy of Gustav Amberg.

RECITATION—"Antony and Cleopatra," - - - - - *Lytle*.
 W. S. HARKINS.
 Courtesy of Louis Aldrich.

SWEDISH LOVE SONG, - - - - - *Kjernelf.*

JOHN E. McWADE.

Courtesy of J. H. HAVERLY.

HUMOROUS MONOLOGUE— - - - -

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

MUSICALS, - - - - -

THE WONDERFUL MAGNANI TROUPE.

Courtesy of Kiralfy Bros.

JAPANESE POT-POURRI, - - - - -

THE MADRIGAL BOYS.

Courtesy of J. H. Haverly.

"TIT WILLOW" SONG, - - - - - *The Mikado.*

LOUIS DE LANGE.

Courtesy of C. H. Goodwin.

ARIA—Prayer from "Der Freischeutz," - - - - -

MME. FRANCESKA RABERG.

Courtesy of Gustav Amberg.

"OHÉ, MAMMA," - - - - - *Tosti.*

MISS MARIE JANSEN.

Courtesy of John A. McCaull.

TOPICAL TRIO—"Read the Answer in the Stars," - - - - - *Cottrelly.*

MATHILDE COTTRELLY, GEORGE C. BONIFACE, JR., AND
DE WOLF HOPPER.

Courtesy of John A. McCaull.

Full Orchestra Accompaniment, under direction of HERR DIETRICH.

Courtesy of J. M. Hill.

FRANK T. BAIRD, - - - Accompanist.

The CHICAGO PRESS CLUB desires to make acknowledgment for the continued courtesies of Mrs. Geo. B. Carpenter, lessee, and Mr. Milward Adams, manager of Central Music Hall; also to all the artists participating in the programme.

The Weber Piano is used in this entertainment.

Mr. Boynton offered the following resolutions, which, after extended discussion of the subject matter, were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, The Press Club of Chicago has been called upon during its existence of six years to mourn the loss of a number of its members by death, and has in some instances been the means of procuring suitable interment of a deceased member ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Club appoint a committee of five to examine and report to the Board of Directors upon the question of procuring a deed of a suitable lot in a local cemetery to be known as " The Chicago Press Club Lot," in which all deceased members who have no family burial place, or whose friends may so desire, may be interred ; and, further, be it

Resolved, That this committee take proper steps to procure information regarding the erection of an appropriate shaft or monument to mark the spot where the deceased members may rest.

Messrs. H. F. Boynton, T. Z. Cowles, Leo Canman, W. M. Knox and J. B. Bradwell were appointed as the committee to carry out the intent of the resolutions.

At an adjourned meeting, held January 3, 1886, an event occurred worthy of record as a precedent in the annals of the Club. Upon the taking of a ballot and the election of a new member, six members arose and questioned the accuracy of the ballot on account of a defect in the ballot-box. Discussion was shut off, and a motion to reconsider the announcement by which the member declared elected was laid upon the table by a vote of 11 to 7. This summary action gave rise to agitation which resulted at a subsequent meeting in a reconsideration of the vote by which the matter was tabled ; the setting aside of the ballot by which the member was declared

elected, and the adoption of an amendment (to the clause of the Constitution concerning the balloting for members) by a unanimous vote of twenty-six. The member whose election had been questioned was then again formally voted upon and admitted.

SEVENTH ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual meeting for the election of new officers was held January 7, 1886. Mr. McGovern withdrew a ticket headed by James W. Scott, of *The Herald*, by authority of the latter. Mr. M. E. Stone announced his inability to serve as Vice-President if elected on another ticket, and Mr. Knox did not wish his name used for Secretary. The polls were open from 4 to 9 o'clock P.M., and 106 ballots were cast, the largest number since the organization of the Club. The result was as follows:

PRESIDENT:

JOHN F. BALLANTYNE, *The Daily News*.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:

T. Z. COWLES, *The Mirror of American Sports*.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:

W. A. TAYLOR, *The Herald*.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:

WASHINGTON HESING,
Staats Zeitung.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

JOHN J. FULLER, *The National Car Builder*.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

W. H. HARPER, *The Inter Ocean*.

TREASURER:

LEO CANMAN, *The Tribune*.

DIRECTORS:

JOHN M. DANDY, *Saturday Evening Herald*.

R. W. RANSOM, *The Tribune*. W. M. KNOX, *The News*.

C. A. SNOWDEN, *The Mail*. F. B. WILKIE, *The Times*.

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

WALTER NEEF, *Western Associated Press*.

FRED B. STEVENSON, *The Sun*. C. F. BLAKELY, *Blakely Printing Co*.

After the tellers had announced the result, on motion of Mr. Dandy, the election of the successful ticket was declared unanimous.

The new officers, with the exception of President Ballantyne, who was absent in New Orleans at the time of his election, were installed at a special meeting, January 17. The outgoing Treasurer made a supplemental report, and the Financial Secretary gave an account of his able and excellent stewardship. The Treasurer's report showed receipts of \$5,174.22 for the year; expenditures, \$4,744.13; balance on hand, \$430.09; permanent fund, \$2,000; total balance, \$2,430.09.

Mr. Frank E. Johnson was added to the Art Committee—Messrs. Magee, McGovern and Cowles—to procure a portrait of the retiring President.

February 14, 1886, President Ballantyne was duly installed in office. The Executive Committee reported having organized, with John M. Dandy as Chairman and W. M. Knox as Secretary. The committee recommended the resumption of Saturday evening receptions, which had been allowed to lapse for a time. It was reported that a

recent lecture by Col. Charles Chaillé Long, under the auspices of the Club, was a pronounced success.

March 14, President Ballantyne appointed the following standing committees:

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—H. F. Boynton, J. F. Henderson, R. J. Murphy.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.—Franc B. Wilkie, H. M. Hunt, E. J. McPhelim, Charles E. Nixon, Harry W. Snyder.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.—John McGovern, H. F. Boynton, J. M. Dandy, H. W. Thomson, J. W. Scott.

VISITING COMMITTEE.—F. O. Bennett, J. C. Bundy, G. A. Babbitt.

April 11, the Club decided, by resolution, that it was the intent and meaning of the Constitution, in defining eligibility, that in the class of "regular contributors" to the press should be included all artists who illustrate thoughts in pictorial form for the publications of Chicago.

The Library Committee submitted reports acknowledging the receipt of twenty-two volumes from A. C. McClurg, eleven from Belford, Clarke & Co., and a large number of valuable books from Harper & Brothers, and recommending that suitable notices be published. The committee also set forth that the growth of the library and the acquisition of valuable books had progressed so favorably that it would be wise to have cases with glass doors and locks constructed, and recommended their purchase.

The Club extended a vote of thanks to the publishers, and also to the Chicago Safe and Lock Co., for a beautiful

and valuable safe; to W. W. Kimball for a Hallett & Davis piano; to *The Daily News*, *The Legal News*, *The Chicago Herald* and *The Saturday Evening Herald* for advertising favors, and to John J. Fuller, the Financial Secretary, for his unceasing efforts in the interests of the Club, and all of these formal acknowledgments were spread upon the records.

May 9, 1886, Vice-President Cowles presided, and Treasurer Canman reported receipts for the year, to date, \$1,841.81. Mr. Boynton, of the Library Committee, reported the receipt of twenty-four volumes from Harper & Brothers. The Club was free from debt, and had \$360 collectable assets.

A special meeting of the Club was held on September 3, for the election of two directors and a treasurer, to fill vacancies caused by resignation. The result of the election was as follows: Treasurer, James W. Scott; Directors, Henry F. Boynton, *The Inter Ocean*, Hugh Hume, *The Inter Ocean*.

At the meeting of September 12, Mr. Boynton tendered his resignation as a director, because he did not approve of two directors being elected from the same paper.

SEVENTH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT
OF THE
PRESS CLUB OF CHICAGO

AT
CENTRAL MUSIC HALL,
MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 1, 1886.

PROGRAMME.

1. ORGAN SOLO—Variations in A, - - - - - *Hesse.*
LOUIS FALK.
2. REMARKS—The Use and Abuse of Pugilism, - - - - - *Original.*
BILL NYE.
3. PIANO SOLO { *a*, Mennetto, in G, - - - - - *Moszkowsky.*
 { *b*, Nocturne (Op. 37, No. 2), - - - - - *Chopin.*
 { *c*, Neapolitaine, - - - - - *Liszt.*
MLLE. CONSTANCE MOZARRA.
4. CHILD SKETCH—"Orphant Annie," - - - - - *Original.*
JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.
5. SONG, - - - - - *Schubert.*
HERR OTTO RATHJENS.
Courtesy of Amberg Thalia Opera Company.
6. VIOLIN SOLO { 1.—Fantasia on Russian Airs, - - - - - *Wieniawski.*
 { 2. { *a*, Nocturne, - - - - - *Chopin-Sarasate.*
 { *b*, Dervish Dance, - - - - - *Stoeving.*
HERR PAUL STOEVIING.
Piano Accompaniment by MLLE. MOZARRA.
7. READING—The Little Wharf Rat, - - - - - *Derrick Dodd.*
MISS EMMA BOBBITT.
8. MONOLOGUE—Musical Memories, - - - - - *Original.*
MR. FRANK LINCOLN.
9. AIR—Thema und Variationen, - - - - - *Heinrich Proch.*
MISS LILY RUNALS.
10. EPISODE—Reprimanding a Boy, - - - - - *Original.*
BILL NYE.
11. SONG—The Desert, - - - - - *Pinsuti.*
IMPERIAL QUARTETTE.
12. HOOSIER DIALECT—"Nothin' to Say," - - - - - *Original.*
JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.
13. INSTRUMENTAL—El Guria (Waltz), - - - - - *D. Gradado.*
FLORENTINE MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA.
14. SONG—A Dream, - - - - - *Robin.*
MISS CARRIE GODFREY.
Courtesy of Thompson Opera Company.

The annual entertainment proved a success financially, the net profit being \$1,054.89. The year 1886 closed without anything of particular note in the affairs of the Club.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election for 1887 was held on Thursday, January 6, from 4 to 9 o'clock, and there being only one ticket in the field the result was as follows :

PRESIDENT :

JAMES W. SCOTT, *The Herald*.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT :

WM. PENN NIXON, *The Inter Ocean*.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT :

W. K. SULLIVAN, *The Evening Journal*.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT :

JOHN M. DANDY, *Saturday Evening Herald*.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY :

HENRY M. HUNT, *Hunt's News Bureau*.

RECORDING SECRETARY :

DAVID E. SASSEEN, *The Inter Ocean*.

TREASURER :

GEORGE SCHNEIDER.

DIRECTORS :

R. W. RANSOM, *The Tribune*. T. Z. COWLES, *The Times*.

CHARLES M. FAYE, *The Daily News*.

E. H. TALBOT, *The Railway Age*. J. J. WEST, *The Evening Mail*.

HOUSE COMMITTEE :

PAUL C. HULL, *The Daily News*. JOHN PRATT, *The Tribune*.

A. C. THOMAS, *Associated Press*.

President Scott appointed the following committees for 1887:

ENTERTAINMENT.—C. A. Snowden, H. B. Smith, Walton Perkins, J. J. Fuller, Sam. V. Steele.

LIBRARY.—E. A. Calkins, H. F. Boynton, E. P. Vining.

RECEPTION.—Jno. F. Ballantyne, Col. J. C. Bundy, T. Z. Cowles, J. B. Jeffery, John E. Wilkie.

VISITING.—John McGovern, W. A. Taylor, J. Harry Ballard.

At the regular meeting held January 9, 1887, the newly elected officers were duly installed. The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed receipts \$5,806.19, and expenditures \$5,205 06, leaving a balance of \$601.13 in the Club treasury. Mr. Boynton, of the Library Committee, reported the receipt of one hundred and forty volumes during the year, and, on motion of Mr. McGovern, was tendered a vote of thanks by the Club for his efforts in behalf of the library. Mr. Hunt, of the Entertainment Committee, reported that the receipts were \$1,508.50, and the expenses \$477.36; net profit \$1,031.14. Mr. J. J. West was credited with having sold the largest number of tickets, 250, and was given a vote of thanks. There were forty-seven new members elected during the year, but forty of the old members had either resigned or been dropped from the rolls. Messrs. T. Z. Cowles and R. W. Ransom tendered their resignations as directors, and they were accepted.

At the meeting held Jan. 23, Mr. George Schneider, a life member of the Club, presented a five-dollar greenback,

Series A, No. 1, to the Club as a curiosity. It has been framed, and now hangs on the wall of the library. In February of this year, Mr. Paul C. Russell, a member of the Club, was killed by being thrown under the cars of the Illinois Central Railroad. At the meeting February 21, Messrs. H. W. Snyder, John E. Wilkie and John J. Fuller were named as a committee on resolutions of respect to the memory of Mr. Russell. Suitable floral tributes were sent to the residence, and H. M. Hunt, Hill C. Smith and D. E. Sasseen were appointed a committee to procure the tribute. The pall-bearers named were Messrs. J. J. Fuller, Harry Manning, W. T. C. Hyde, F. B. Wilkie, W. M. Knox and Fred B. Stevenson. Notice was received by the Club from E. S. Clark, secretary of the Press Club of Albuquerque, New Mexico, that C. M. Ostrander, a member of the Press Club of Chicago, was sick in that city and in distress. On motion of Mr. Cowles, the Club voted to send Mr. Ostrander a draft for \$50, which was done. At the regular meeting of the Club held April 9, 1887, notice was received from Phoenix, Arizona, that C. M. Ostrander had died a few days before. Suitable resolutions were passed by the Club to the memory of Mr. Ostrander. The death of Mr. William Colebrook, an old member of the Club, was announced, and resolutions of respect were passed. Messrs. F. B. Wilkie, T. Z. Cowles, J. J. Fuller, H. M. Hunt, H. J. Bohn and J. F. Ballantyne were appointed a committee to represent the Club at Mr. Colebrook's funeral.

At the regular meeting held May 8, 1887, a report was made by the Monument Committee to the effect that the Chicago Architectural Sketch Club had submitted several designs for a Press Club monument. At this meeting, John R. Walsh, Esq., was elected a life member of the Club. Notice of the death of Mr. James F. Small, a member of the Club, was given, and Mr. McGovern presented resolutions of respect, which were unanimously adopted.

At the meeting of the Club held June 12, 1887, the subject of a series of lectures under the auspices of the Club was discussed. The resignation of C. M. Faye from the Board of Directors was received and accepted.

At the meeting held September 11, Mr. J. K. Allen, of *The Sanitary News*, was unanimously elected a director to fill vacancy.

At the meeting held November 13, 1887, it was voted to give the annual entertainment on the evening of Monday, December 5, and President Scott reported that he had procured the consent of Messrs. Bill Nye and James Whitcomb Riley to appear for the Press Club's entertainment. It was found impossible to make the date suitable for these gentlemen, and their offer was deferred to another occasion. The programme for the entertainment was as follows :

EIGHTH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT
OF THE
PRESS CLUB OF CHICAGO,
CENTRAL MUSIC HALL,
MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 5, 1887.

PROGRAMME.

1. ORGAN FANTASIE—"Old Folks at Home," - - - - - *Flagler.*
MR. LOUIS FALK.

2. "A WARRIOR BOLD," - - - - - *J. A. West.*
LOTUS QUARTETTE.

3. "TOMPKINS' SILVER WEDDING," - - - - -
MR. H. C. BARNABEE.

4. { (a) BOURREE, - - - - - *Bach-Hyllested.*
(b) POLONAISE, - - - - - *Chopin.*
MR. AUGUST HYLLESTED.

5. CHE FARO SENZA EURIDICE, - - - - - *Gluck.*
JESSIE BARTLETT DAVIS.

6. FAUST FANTASIE, - - - - - *Wieniarwski.*
MR. CARL HILD.
Accompanied by Mrs. Hild.

7. IMITATIONS, - - - - - *Original.*
MARSHALL P. WILDER.

INTERMISSION.

8. VITTORIO MIO CORE, - - - - - *Carrissimmi.*
MR. L. GASTON GOTTSCHALK.

9. BARDIC FANTASIA ON IRISH AIRS, - - - - - *F. Chatterton.*
Introducing enharmonic effects possible only to the harp.
MME. JOSEPHINE CHATTERTON.

10. AVE MARIA, - - - - - *Ch. Gounod.*
MRS. ANNA DONEY.
Violin and Piano Accompaniment, Mr. and Mrs. Hild.

11. SONG, - - - - - *Selected.*
MR. W. H. MACDONALD.

12. OH! LUCE DI QUEST ANIMA, - - - - - *Donizetti.*
MISS JULIET CORDEN.

13. MONOLOGUE, - - - - - *Original.*
MR. MARSHALL P. WILDER.

14. By courtesy of the Messrs. John, James and George Gorman, proprietors, and
Fred E. Wright, manager, GORMAN'S SPECTACULAR MINSTRELS in the new
erratic Extravaganza, entitled

"THE GOLDEN BALL."

The annual entertainment was a success, and the net profit, as reported by the Treasurer at the meeting December 7, was \$1,200.

THE NINTH ANNUAL ELECTION.

The annual election was held in January, 1888, and the following ticket was unanimously elected, there being no opposition; it was the first time in the history of the Club that a President had been reëlected:

PRESIDENT:

JAMES W. SCOTT, *The Herald*.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

FRANK S. BLAIN, *The Inter Ocean*.

CLINTON B. SNOWDEN, *The Times*.

JOHN K. ALLEN, *The American Advertiser*.

TREASURER:

GEORGE SCHNEIDER, *Banker*.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

JOHN B. WALDO, *Commercial Bulletin*.

SECRETARY:

HOMER J. CARR, *The Tribune*.

DIRECTORS:

HENRY F. BOYNTON,

OPIE P. READ,

The Inter Ocean.

The Arkansaw Traveler.

EDWARD L. STEWART,

ERVIN B. HAWKINS,

Real Estate.

The Tribune.

FRED A. MALLERY, *The News*.

President Scott announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.—Henry M. Hunt, Chairman; John M. Dandy, Charles E. Nixon, Wm. P. Meredith, Paul Hull.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.—John McGovern, Chairman; Col. J. C. Bundy, Seymour Kisch, M. B. Gibbs, T. Z. Cowles.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—W. H. Freeman, Chairman; John Willy, Wm. H. Strong.

At the meeting of the Club held January 8, Messrs. W. M. Knox, John McGovern and W. H. Freeman were appointed a committee to revise the constitution. At the meeting held February 9, the committee on constitution reported, and a lengthy discussion of the report followed, resulting in the matter being deferred to the next monthly meeting.

AN EXTRA ENTERTAINMENT.

It was deemed advisable that the Club give an extra entertainment, especially as Messrs. Nye and Riley had so cordially tendered their services. The directors carried out the wishes of the Club, and on Wednesday evening, February 15, 1888, at Central Music Hall, a very memorable entertainment of the Club was given, with the following

PROGRAMME.

1. ORGAN—March Fantastic (*Bargiel*), - - - - LOUIS FALK.
2. DIALECT STUDY, - - - - JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.
3. MONOLOGUE, - - - - BILL NYE.
4. "HARK! THE TRUMPET" (*Dudley Buck*), - - LOTUS QUARTETTE.
5. CHARACTER POEM, - - - - JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.
6. "AS IT WERE," - - - - BILL NYE.
7. "OLD KENTUCKY HOME," - - - - LOTUS QUARTETTE.
8. IMPERSONATIONS, - - - - JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.
9. IN CONCLUSION, - - - - BILL NYE.

At the meeting of the Club held March 11, 1888, the financial secretary reported the receipts for February,

including the Nye and Riley entertainment, were \$1,702, and the expenditures \$670.80, leaving a balance of \$1,031.22 in bank, with all bills paid. The Club now entered upon a season of prosperity that was unparalleled in its history. President Scott reported that the directors had decided to improve the Club rooms. The committee on constitution reported the revised document, and it was adopted after some revision by the Club. On motion of Mr. Boynton, the Club voted to publish the constitution and the history of the Club, and President Scott appointed Mr. Henry F. Boynton a committee on publication. The Club rooms were filled with members, and President Scott announced that the next meeting of the Club would be held at the Sherman House, as the rooms were to be dismantled at once. Mr. Paul Blouett, "Max O'Rell," was the guest of the Club on this closing Sunday in the old rooms, and a social session was enjoyed as a farewell to the old home.

April 8, 1888, the Club met at the Sherman House. President Scott announced that Mr. David Henderson, of the Chicago Opera House, had tendered the use of his theater for Sunday evening during April for the benefit of the Club. The offer was accepted for Sunday evening, April 22, but subsequently the date was changed, as it was deemed improper for the Club to give an entertainment on Sunday evening. The Club voted to give the first reception in the new rooms to the newspaper fraternity, another

formal reception to be given the same week as a house-warming.

The death of Leander Stone, Esq., was reported to the Club, and Mr. F. B. Wilkie was appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions.

A SPECIAL MATINÉE.

The special entertainment was given at the Chicago Opera House, and was a grand success. The programme was a most excellent one, and was composed as follows :

CHICAGO OPERA HOUSE.

DRAMATIC MATINEE

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

PRESS CLUB OF CHICAGO,

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1888.

PROGRAMME.

1. OVERTURE—Rienzi (the Last of the Tribunes), - - - - *Wagner.*
CHICAGO OPERA HOUSE ORCHESTRA (conducted by MR. RICHARD MADDERN).

2. MR. AND MRS. GEORGE S. KNIGHT,
(By kind permission of Manager HARRY HAMLIN) in the second act of their
great play,

"BARON RUDOLPH,"

WITH THE FOLLOWING CAST:

Rudolph Wiegand, Baron von Hollenstein,	- - -	Mr. Geo. S. Knight.
Whitworth Lawrence, a Man of Iron and Gold,	- - -	Mr. John Burk.
Gen. Benj. Metcalf, a Man of Law and Love,	- - -	Mr. Bernard Dillyn.
Judge Merrybone, a Man of Justice and Fun,	- - -	Mr. Will C. Sampson.
Geoffrey Brown, a Man of Tender Years,	- - -	Mr. B. F. Grinnell.
Allen, - - - - -	} Professional Men, {	Mr. Samuel Ryan.
Owen, - - - - -		Mr. B. B. Cromby.
The County Sheriff, the Right Man in the Right Place,	- - -	Mr. Bartley McCullum.
John Henry Thomas, a Footman,	- - -	Mr. Charles L. Webster.
Bill Overdeck, a Man who has a Memory,	- - -	Mr. John B. Dillon.
John Wilson, a Workman,	- - -	Mr. Richard Reah.
Herr Louis Van Zelner, -	} Foreign Gentlemen, Agents of the Hollenstein Estates, {	Mr. John H. Jackson.
Herr Otto Breau, -		Mr. William Jeffries.
Rhoda, who Loves and Suffers,	- - -	Miss Florida Abell.
Ernestine, a Baby, a Girl, and a Woman,	- - -	Miss Rosita Worrell.
Mrs. Nellie Dashwood, a Young Widow,	- - -	Mrs. Geo. S. Knight.
Iron Founders, Police Officers, etc.	- - -	SCENE—Lawrence Mansion, Lawrenceburg.

3. VIOLIN SOLO—Fantasie Brillante (Othello), - - - *Rossini-Ernst.*

MR. THEODORE MARTIN.

4. SONG—Open Thy Lattice, - - - - -

MISS ANNIE MYERS.

5. THE COOPER'S SONG, from "Boccaccio," - - - - *Von Suppe.*

MR. DIGBY BELL.

6. RECITATION—The Little Hero, - - - - *Mattheson.*

MR. R. A. ROBERTS.

By kind permission of Manager DANIEL SHELBY.

7. SONGS—{ *a*, Two Grenadiers, }
 { *b*, Birdie, } - - - - -

MR. DEWOLF HOPPER.

8. RECITATION, - - - - - MISS MABEL BERT.
9. SONG—Dein Gedenk Up Margarithe, - - - - - *Myer-Helmund*.
MR. HUBERT WILKIE.
10. MR. EDDIE FOY, in his Famous Specialties.
11. SONG—Love is But a Faded Flower, - - - - - *Von Suppe*.
MISS MARION MANOLA.
12. MLE. BRAMBILLA, Premiere Danseuse.
13. CORNET SOLO—The Volunteers, - - - - - *Rogers*.
(Descriptive of the yacht race between the Volunteer and Thistle.)
MR. JAMES LLEWELLYN.
14. MISS KATE CLAXTON and MR. CHAS. A. STEVENSON,
in the fourth act of their great play,

“THE WORLD AGAINST HER,”

(By kind permission of Managers MORTON and PERLEY),

WITH THE FOLLOWING CAST:

Jennie Clegg, - - - - -	May Contee.
Lucy Danvers, - - - - -	Leslie Tillson.
Sallie Millet, - - - - -	Alice Leigh.
Liz Markland, - - - - -	Maude Horsford.
Mary, - - - - -	Loie Collier.
Annie, Madge's Child, - - - - -	Daisy Luby.
Madge Carlton, - - - - -	Kate Claxton.
Gilbert Blair, an Ironfounder, - - - - -	Arthur Forrest.
Mr. Danvers, a Speculator, - - - - -	T. Edward Hall.
Harold Vernon, his Nephew, - - - - -	Payson Mackaye.
Simon Clegg, - - - - -	Palmer Collins.
Bob Millett, a Showman, - - - - -	E. A. Eagleton.
Dick Markland, a Coiner, - - - - -	R. N. Hickman.
Hesslop, a Detective, - - - - -	Edgar Drew.
Ned Markland, - - - - -	Master Frank Dean.

(Twelve-year-old son of Liz and Dick, adopted by Sally.)

Tawaits, - - - - -	Edward Short.
James Carlton (Foreman of Blair's Iron Works), - - - - -	Charles A. Stevenson.

The artists of the McCaull Opera Company, by kind permission of Colonel Jno. A. McCaull, and DAVID HENDERSON, Director Chicago Opera House.

Musical Directors—ADOLF NOWAK, RICHARD MADDERN.

Stage Manager—HERBERT A. CRIPPS.

The Press Club of Chicago wishes to express to Mr. David Henderson, Director of the Chicago Opera House, its appreciation of his courtesy in tendering his theater for this entertainment.

At the regular meeting held May 13, the Financial Secretary reported a net profit of \$569.51 on the Opera House matinee. This made the cash balance in the bank \$2,276.20. The Directors, under the leadership of President Scott, had completely changed the Club rooms, refurnishing, refitting and redecorating the entire floor, from front to rear. The entire expenditure did not exceed \$2,000. It was decided to give a "stag" reception, to journalists only, before the formal house-warming, and on Wednesday evening, May 2, the rooms were filled with gentlemen of the newspaper profession. They were delighted, and the result of the reception was the posting of nearly twenty applications for membership. On the following Saturday evening, May 5, the formal house-warming reception was given, and about five hundred of the leaders of the social and professional world were entertained. It was an era in the history of the Club long to be remembered.

The Club tendered Mr. Seymour Kisch a vote of thanks for a handsome gift of the Encyclopedia Britannica. At the meeting held May 13 the resignations of F. A. Mallery and E. B. Hawkins were received, as Mr. Mallery had left the city, and Mr. Hawkins could not give the time to the duties of director. The President announced that at the next monthly meeting the vacancies would be filled by the election of two directors. Messrs. Scott and Wilkie were named a committee to prepare an amendment regarding the admission of associate members.

On June 7, at the regular meeting, the constitution as amended was finally adopted. Several new members were elected. Resolutions of respect to the memory of Leander J. Stone were adopted. Montgomery B. Gibbs of *The News* and John S. Richardson of *The Times* were elected directors to fill vacancies.

President Scott reported that the restaurant attachment which had been put in had proved a great success. It was voted to tender the use of the Club rooms to the Press Committee of the National Republican Convention. Also, to give a reception to visiting journalists on Tuesday evening, June 19. In pursuance with this action, the National Press Committee occupied the rooms and the tickets to the National Convention of 1888 were issued from the Press Club. A reception was given the visiting journalists, when an evening was spent that will prove memorable in history. It was the first gathering of its kind ever held in this country at a National Convention. There were gathered in the rooms representatives from all the leading journals in America, and the speeches and other entertainment will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to be present.

ENTERTAINMENT OF GUESTS.

Original in conception and gratifying to the popular taste, these entertainments have year by year proven to be a permanent and great success. By these entertainments the Press Club has assisted many of the now prominent

men and women connected with the lyric and dramatic stage of this country, and the most famous artists vie to lend their talents to make each recurring entertainment more successful than its predecessor. The annual banquets and reunions of the Club have been occasions of rare social enjoyment and of pronounced intellectual superiority. Among the many people not unknown to fame who have been the guests of and received entertainment at the hands of the Press Club, and whose generosity and courtesy have assisted the Club to prosper, may be named Henry Irving, Helen Terry, Mme. Marie Roze Mapleson, Emma Abbott, Annie Louise Cary, Minnie Hauk, Jessie Bartlett Davis, Marie Stone, Blanche Roosevelt Marchetti, Samuel L. Clemens, John McCullough, Thomas W. Keene, Lawrence Barrett, Joseph Hatton (of London, England), Baron Wartegg, Whitelaw Reid, Emery A. Storrs, Vice-President Thomas A. Hendricks, Senator John A. Logan, Senator and Gov. Richard J. Oglesby; Edouard Remenyi, the renowned violinist; Don Juan Marcia and Don Carlos E. Leonardo, of Mexico; Parker Bodfish and Frank H. Taylor, artists, of New York; George Augustus Sala, Ben: Perley Poore, George Alfred Townsend; J. B. Mantrop, of Edinburgh, Scotland; Sol Smith Russell, Bartley Campbell, Maurice Barrymore; James Whitcomb Riley, the "Hoosier Poet"; Rev. Sam Small, "Old Si," of Georgia; Roland Reed, Thomas Whiffen, Robert Burdette, the Williams College Glee Club, and a long list of others equally noted in

drama, art, literature and public life. Formal receptions were tendered Marie Roze, December 16, 1880; Keene and McCullough, February 19, 1881; a supper to Congressman John F. Finerty, in December, 1882; a reception and banquet to the Mexican editors, June 28, 1885. In the entertainment of these distinguished guests, representing all of the leading journals of Mexico, and others representing the commercial and material interests of the Southern Republic, the Press Club coöperated with a committee of merchants and one from the Board of Trade, and the festivities extended over several days. The distinguished party were taken by Mr. E. H. Talbot, a member of the Club, in his private car over the lines of the principal American railroads, that they might enjoy themselves to the utmost and carry away a lasting impression of our greatness and unbounded commercial resources.

The rule as to membership—that only reputable journalists having a direct connection with some recognized newspaper or a standing in literary pursuits, were eligible—has at all times been enforced; nor has the Club found it necessary to drop from the rolls for unprofessional conduct more than two or three out of over four hundred members who have been admitted since the Club was formed. The death of a member has always been observed with suitable ceremonies, and those sick or disabled, if in need, have profited by the beneficiary features of the Club. The Club has never lent its influence to a questionable enterprise or indorsed a private interest, and has

put the mark of its favor on but one publication, and that the *American Journalist*, a periodical devoted to the interests of journalists and journalism. In 1882 the Club put its seal of condemnation, unofficially, but none the less effectually, on the "penny-a-line" system, which its promoters thought to make a successful innovation in Chicago. In March, 1883, a proposition to join a "National Journalists' League" was voted down by a large majority. The spirit of the Club has been shown on many occasions to desire faithful services on the part of members to their employers, and only fair treatment in return. The Club rooms are bright, attractive and cheerful, being handsomely carpeted, decorated with paintings and works of art, among the collection oil portraits of the deceased and ex-presidents and prominent members; provided with a valuable reference and reading library, the periodicals of the day, billiard tables and games, day and night stewards, and other necessary adjuncts of club life.

So far the Press Club of Chicago has an enviable record, showing even progress toward the goal of perfection as a journalists' organization, and financial management that has kept it secure from the disasters that have overtaken many club organizations. Disturbing influences have almost invariably been relegated to the exterior for settlement, and it has been tacitly agreed many times that no outside disputes shall be brought into the Club for the evening-up process. From time to time journalists' clubs in other cities have made inquiries as to the Chicago Press

Club's management and the secret of its success, with the view of profiting by the information they may gain to make their own organization more stable. Experience has taught the Chicago Press Club to pay cash as it goes ; to keep the credit system down to the lowest limit possible, and to make sharp collections. This, with enterprise and coöperation on the part of members in every undertaking, has placed the Club where its promoters and members have no fear of the future. The initiation fee is now \$15, and annual dues \$12. This brief history of its operations from the start is necessarily imperfect, owing to the loss of many records that would have been of value. That membership in the Club is enviable, and the benefits many, can, however, easily be imagined from this summary. The Club has constantly in view new enterprises, such as courses of lectures, musical and intellectual entertainments, and the great end toward which its members are now looking is a building fund and provisions for securing a permanent home in a building of its own.

In Memoriam.

HARRY K. IRVIN

Was a reporter for *The Inter Ocean*, who died at his home in Waynesville, Ohio, May 24, 1882. He was born October 24, 1861. In 1874 he entered the office of the *Miami Gazette* as a compositor. He was employed in the census bureau at Washington. He came to Chicago in 1881, and joined the staff of *The Inter Ocean*. He contracted a severe cold, and quick consumption set in, from which he died. He was the first member of the Press Club to die, and the following action was taken :

We, the members of the Press Club of Chicago, sorrow today that the shadow of death has, for the first time, fallen upon one of our number, and death has come to one of the kindest and gentlest among us ; one whom it was good to know. In the presence of this bereavement, we yet are not unmindful of the fact that there is a hope beyond, for which our friend was well prepared.

Resolved, That in the death of Henry K. Irvin we lose a friend whose like we seldom find, and whose life, though brief, was of that exemplary uprightness that wins love and esteem from all.

J. Harry Ballard, of *The Inter Ocean*, was appointed a committee to represent the club at the funeral.

SAMUEL J. MEDILL.

Sunday, November 4, 1883, a special meeting of the Press Club was held to take action upon the death of Samuel J. Medill, ex-President of the Club and managing

editor of *The Chicago Tribune*. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, lamenting the early demise of this gifted journalist, and the following committee was appointed to accompany the remains from Quincy: Martin J. Russell, M. E. Stone, W. K. Sullivan, Washington Hesing, J. B. Bradwell, Franc B. Wilkie, David Henderson, J. Harry Ballard. November 11, a special memorial meeting was held, on which occasion a portrait of the deceased ex-President, executed by the artist John Phillips, was unveiled. Remarks were made on this sad occasion by President Curtis, Congressman Finerty, T. Z. Cowles and Henry Wendell Thomson, the speakers eulogizing the deceased highly for his many admirable qualities, and uniting in the verdict that he was at the head of his profession among the young journalists of the West.

JAMES E. FITZGERALD

Died in the spring of 1884, of consumption. He was nearly fifty years of age at the time of his death. He was born in Ireland, and came to this country when quite a young man, with his mother and sister, whom he supported. He was employed on *The Tribune* as compositor, proofreader and reporter for a period of twenty years. He made a walking tour of Ireland in 1864, and wrote a series of articles on that tour. He was the baseball reporter of *The Tribune*, after Lewis Meacham's death.

WILBUR F. STOREY.

October 29, 1884, a special meeting was held to take action on the death of Wilbur F. Storey. A Special Committee, representing the various city newspapers, was appointed to attend the funeral, and remarks were made by Prof. Rodney Welch, Prof. Elias Colbert, W. K. Sullivan and Martin J. Russell.

A Committee on Resolutions was appointed, composed of Prof. Welch, Prof. Colbert, Martin J. Russell, Dr. Harry Manning, W. K. Sullivan, Washington Hesing, Frank S. Davidson, W. S. Walker and E. R. Dillingham, and they reported the following memorial, which was unanimously adopted and ordered spread upon the records of the Club:

MEMORIAL.

The Chicago Press Club and other members of the journalistic profession of this city desire to place on record a testimonial to the memory of Wilbur F. Storey, late editor and proprietor of *The Times*.

At the time of his advent here, in 1861, the city could not boast a newspaper, in the present sense of the term; and the Press Club was an impossibility. Chicago contained six establishments, all near the verge of bankruptcy, and ordinarily employing a total of scarcely four times as many men in reporting the news of those days, and dictating to their readers what they should think and how they should vote about a limited number of questions. He set out with the idea of making the expression of opinion subordinate to the dissemination of news; and the immense success which almost immediately rewarded his efforts proved that he had struck a popular chord. His subsequent course showed that he appreciated the response, and determined on continuing to deserve it. To this end he increased his news-gathering service as fast as the expansion of facilities would permit, and had no lower aim than to make *The Times* the greatest newspaper in the

world. With this he was frank and fearless in the expression of his views, encouraged the widest range of thought on the part of those who contributed to his columns, and rendered no small service to the world in opening up and helping to settle some hitherto vexed questions in regard to the liberty of the press. We can scarcely say how much the tremendous progress in journalism within the past twenty-three years and the consequent increase of workers, which has made possible the Chicago Press Club of today, with its membership of nearly two hundred, is due to the genius and work of Wilbur F. Storey.

Recognizing the great loss which the profession has sustained, we cannot but deeply sympathize with his widow and relatives, to whom his death is a personal bereavement; in token whereof it is hereby ordered that an engrossed copy of this testimonial be presented to Mrs. Storey, in addition to being spread upon the records of the Chicago Press Club.

JOHN FRASER.

April 10, 1886, the membership of another gifted writer and author of prominence was severed with the Club by death — Prof. John Fraser. Notice of his demise came too late to call a special meeting, and President Balantyne sent out notices appointing the following committee to attend the funeral May 11, and draw up suitable resolutions, to be subsequently adopted by the Club: Franc B. Wilkie, C. A. Snowden, E. A. Barron, E. J. McPhelim and Oliver H. Perry.

E. T. DALZELL.

October 26, Messrs. Knox, Cowles, and McGovern, were appointed a committee to draft resolutions on the death of E. T. Dalzell. The committee reported the following, which were adopted, and the Secretary was

instructed to have the resolutions handsomely engrossed, and copies sent to the relatives of the deceased member :

It is with deep and sincere sorrow that we, members of the Chicago Press Club, recognize the great loss we have sustained in the death of our fellow-member, E. T. Dalzell, which occurred at Mississippi City, Louisiana, October 14, 1884. During the time Mr. Dalzell had been a member of the Press Club, now nearly three years, he had been greatly respected by all of its members, and by those who had had the pleasure of knowing him intimately had been valued as a true friend, a counselor of wide experience, and a thorough gentleman. His remarkable attainments, gained by naturally studious habits and by travel in nearly every part of the world, rendered him a most interesting and valued companion. Recognizing that the death of Mr. Dalzell is a loss not wholly our own, we extend our sincerest condolence to his relatives and his numerous friends outside of this organization.

W. M. KNOX,

T. Z. COWLES,

JOHN MCGOVERN,

Committee in behalf of the Club.

CHARLES D. WRIGHT.

December 13, the Club was called upon to take action concerning the death of two bright journalists whose achievements had already given promise of a splendid future. The following resolutions, as signed by the respective committees, were adopted :

WHEREAS, Death has suddenly taken from our midst our comrade, Charles D. Wright, late Secretary of the Chicago Press Club; and

WHEREAS, These brief minutes will indicate, though but poorly express, our sense of pain and loss in his removal;

Resolved, That we mourn the too early decease of one whose bright mind and facile pen were ornaments of his chosen profession,

and whose ready wit in social intercourse made him always a rare companion.

Resolved, That tender recollections are cherished of evidence that our dead colleague was richly endowed of heart as well as of head.

Resolved, That we tender the bereaved widow and family our sincere condolence, that this expression be presented them in engraved form, and that it be spread upon the minutes of the Press Club.

W. H. STRONG,
F. O. BENNETT,
W. M. KNOX,
CHARLES V. HINE,
LEO CANMAN,

Committee of the Press Club of Chicago.

FRANK CUNNINGHAM.

Resolved, That this Club learns with sorrow of the death of Mr. Frank Cunningham, after a long and dreary illness, during which period he suffered the added pang of banishment from friends and acquaintances on account of his health. As a member of this Club, Mr. Cunningham had the unqualified esteem and respect of his brother journalists, and in his death the Club sincerely deplores the loss of a valued member.

Resolved, That in his death this organization loses one of its best known members, a journalist of ability, and a man who had filled various civic offices with honor to his profession and credit to himself.

Resolved, That the Club forward an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the wife and children of the deceased.

T. Z. COWLES,
JOHN MCGOVERN,
H. F. BOYNTON,
FRANK S. BLAIN,
J. S. BLOOMINGSTON,
J. B. BRADWELL,

Committee of the Press Club of Chicago.

HENRY WENDELL THOMSON.

A special meeting of the Club was held April 16, 1886, to take action on the death of Henry Wendell Thomson, an old journalist and distinguished lawyer of Chicago, and one of the earliest Club members.

A Committee on Funeral Services and Flowers was appointed, composed of Messrs. T. Z. Cowles, Harry Manning, F. B. Wilkie, E. J. McPhelim, C. A. Snowden, W. A. Taylor, J. H. Ballard, E. A. Barron, W. K. Sullivan and Washington Hesing, and a Committee on Resolutions of C. A. Snowden, E. J. McPhelim and T. C. MacMillan.

PAUL C. RUSSELL.

This member of the Club was killed on the night of February 20, 1887. The Club, at a special meeting, appointed pall-bearers, and, at the following regular meeting, passed resolutions of respect, as follows:

We learn, with profound sorrow, of the death of Paul C. Russell, an esteemed and useful member of this Club, who was killed on the Illinois Central Railroad, at Twenty-second street, this city, February 20, 1887. We desire, in fitting words, to express our deep regret at his untimely taking off, and at the same time to attest to his sterling worth of character, both as a member of this Club, as an excellent man, and a useful member of society. His sterling qualities of head and heart, his kind and genial nature, endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, while his worth and ability in the varied and arduous duties of his profession, were such as to win for him a quick and hearty recognition among newspaper men wherever he was known.

CLARENCE M. OSTRANDER.

The Press Club has learned with sorrow of the death of Clarence M. Ostrander, a valued member. In the early years of his life he gave promise of a bright journalistic future; but his career was cut short by disease, and at last he found rest in a strange country, and amid strangers, to whose kindness he was indebted for the care and attention which made his end a peaceful one. For this kindness to one of its members, the Press Club expresses its gratitude, and to the bereaved family of the deceased it extends its earnest sympathy.

WILLIAM COLEBROOK.

The sudden death of Mr. William Colebrook strikes from the roster of the Press Club one of its oldest and most valued members. Mr. Colebrook had greatly endeared himself to his brethren in the Club by his uniformly cheerful and genial demeanor, his gentlemanly and refined characteristics, and his sincere devotion to the interests of the Club. In his fine ability, high integrity, and sterling worth, he was an honor to the Club and to Chicago journalism. To the bereaved wife, in her deep sorrow and affliction, we extend our heartfelt sympathy; and it is ordered that a copy of this expression be engrossed and transmitted to Mrs. Colebrook.

LEANDER STONE.

It is the unanimous conclusion of the Chicago Press Club that the death of Leander Stone is a relief from a malady whose lingering torture was beyond comprehension.

He was a man of grand purposes, whose life was devoted to the performance of his duties to his family and society. He was upright, persevering, and so industrious that, by his intense devotion to his labors, he precipitated the disease which shortened his life.

He was genial, large-hearted, with the simple nature of a child; a warm friend, an estimable citizen, and one whose place in the profession of journalism it will be difficult to fill.

The Club mourns his death most sincerely, and extends its profound sympathies to his widow and her children.

JAMES F. SMALL.

James F. Small died on the evening of Wednesday, April 27, 1887. The Club passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, By the members of the Press Club of Chicago, in meeting assembled, that, through the sad and unexpected event, the Club has lost one of its oldest and most esteemed members; and,

Resolved, That we hereby put on record an expression of our sorrow, and that we tender to the widow and children the assurance of our deep sympathy and of the esteem in which the deceased was held among his comrades and acquaintances.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to forward an engrossed copy of these resolutions to Mrs. James F. Small, according to the established custom of the Club, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the meeting.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

LIMITED TO 200.

ALLEN, J. K.
ALEXANDER, HENRY E.
ARNOLD, BURT.

BENHAM, P. D.
BABIZE, AUG. C.
BARRY, P. T.
BOYNTON, HENRY F.
BANKS, CHAS. E.
BALLANTYNE, JNO. F.
BARRON, ELWYN A.
BUSBY, L. W.
BUSBY, W. H.
BRADWELL, JAMES B.
BROWN, GEO. P.
BALLARD, J. HARRY.
BLOOMINGSTON, J. S.
BROSS, WILLIAM.
BUNDY, JNO. C.
BABBITT, GEO. A.
BOHN, HENRY J.
BOHN, JOHN J.
BOYD, JAMES.
BEMIS, H. V.
BLAKELY, C. F.
BLAIN, FRANK S.
BRONSON, LEONARD.
BROWN, SIDNEY.
BAMFORD, CHAS.
BAILEY, WARREN W.

CULBERTSON, H. W.
CANMAN, LEO.
COWLES, T. Z.
CARPENTER, HARRY.
CHAISSER, A.
CHASE, FRANKLIN L.
CARR, HOMER J.
CAMERON, A. C.
CRAWFORD, JOHN W.
COYNE, JAMES H.

DUNLOP, JOSEPH R.
DANDY, JNO. M.
DILLINGHAM, E. R.
DAVIS, J. M.
DRESSER, CLARENCE P.
DALEY, JNO. R.
DURAND, ELLIOTT.
DUNHAM, CURTIS J.
DICKSON, M. E.
DONOVAN, HENRY F.
DENISON, T. S.
DE WITTE, HENRY.

EGGLESTON, W. G.

FULLER, JNO. J.
FOX, O. L.
FINERTY, JNO. F.
FREIBERGER, EDWARD.
FAYE, CHAS. M.

FREEMAN, WM. H.

FLINN, JNO. J.

FLEMING, I. A.

FLOWER, ELLIOT.

FLANDERS, A. R.

FALTUN, HARRY S.

GIBBS, MONTGOMERY B.

GALLAGHER, THOS. J.

GRAY, FRANK S.

GARDINER, C. S.

GLOVER, L. B.

GENTILE, CHAS.

GAY, HENRY LORD.

GESSWEIN, A. J.

GOODWIN, W. R., JR.

GLENN, W. M.

MCGLENN, JNO. MCG.

HYDE, WM. T. C.

HENDERSON, DAVID.

HESING, WASHINGTON.

HAWKINS, E. B.

HAWKINS, WILLIS B.

HINE, CHAS. V.

HARPER, WM. H.

HUNT, HENRY M.

HULL, PAUL C.

HEINEMANN, H. E. O.

HENDERSON, JOS.

HOLLAND, JAMES P. ,

HATCH, AZEL F.

HILD, FREDERICK H.

HORTON, GEO.

INNSLEY, EDWARD.

JAMESON, GEO. H.

JOHNSON, F. E.

JACOBSON, R. C.

JEFFERY, JNO. B.

JONES, L. B.

JONES, EDWIN W.

KNIGHT, HERBERT M.

KAUDER, SIGMUND.

KALHEIM, O. M.

KNOX, W. M.

KISCH, SEYMOUR.

KENDRICK, BERT.

KNAPP, HOMER.

LAWSON, VICTOR F.

LEDERER, CHAS.

LARNED, FRANCIS M. .

LECKIE, A. S.

LA SHELLE, W. K.

MOODY, O. E.

McHUGH, JOS. P.

MURPHY, RICHARD J.

MCGOVERN, JOHN.

MALKOFF, M.

MEDILL, JOS.

MATTHIAS, CHAS.

MANNING, D. HARRY.

MEREDITH, WM. M.

MASTROVALERIO, A.

MICHAELS, C. D.

NIXON, CHAS. E.

NIXON, WM. PENN.

NICHOLAS, W. G.

NORTON, S. F.

NEWELL, ALLEN G.

O'NIEL, ARTHUR.

OWEN, EDGAR E.

O'NEILL, THOS.

PERLEY, FRANK L.
PRATT, JNO.
PACKARD, A. T.
PRITCHARD, E. R.
PAYNE, FRANK.
PALMER, HARRY.
PERKINS, WALTON.
PATTERSON, JOHN H.
PARK, WM. H.
PERCE, CHARLES F.

RICE, WILLIS F.
RAY, DE WITT G.
RITCHIE, JNO.
ROLLINS, C. E.
RUSSELL, MARTIN J.
RAE, F. G.
READ, OPIE P.
ROWE, DR. N.
REIWITCH, HERMANN L.

SMYTH, HILL C.
SULLIVAN, W. B.
SMITH, H. R. W.
SPEED, H. B.
SANDERS, J. H.
SHUMAN, A. F.
STONE, MELVILLE E.
SULLIVAN, W. K.
SCOTT, JAMES W.
STEELE, SAM. V.
STRONG, WM. H.
SEYMOUR, H. W.
SHACKELFORD, COLLINS.
SCHIERBRAND, C. WOLF VON.
SHUMAN, ANDREW.
SASSEEN, D. E.
SULLIVAN, F. E.

SEVERING, WM. L.
SCOVEL, H. M.
STEVENSON, F. B.
SNOWDEN, C. A.
SMITH, WILLARD A.
SNYDER, H. W.
STEWART, E. L.
SUESMAN, A. L.
SHIELDS, GEO. O.

TINDALL, JNO. W.
TALBOT, E. H.
THOMAS, JAMES C.
TAYLOR, WM. A.
THOMPSON, T. O.

VISCHER, WILL L.
VYNNE, HAROLD.

WILKIE, FRANC B.
WILKIE, JNO. E.
WRIGHT, GEO. E.
WILLY, JNO.
WALKER, W. S.
WESTON, J. W.
WHITFORD, C. B.
WRIGHT, C. G.
WALDO, JNO. B.
WATERLOO, STANLEY.
WELLMAN, WALTER.
WEST, JAMES J.
WEDDELL, THOMAS R.
WALLIS, JNO. C.
WOOD, EUGENE.
WRIGHT, JNO. E.
WELCH, FRANK B.
WARDROP, WALTER.
YATE, B.

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS.

ANDREWS, BYRON,	New York City.
APPLEGATE, TOM S.,	Adrian, Mich.
BEARD, AMBROSE,	Cleveland, Ohio.
CURTIS, W. E.,	Washington, D. C.
CLOVER, SAM T.,	Sioux Falls, Dak.
CASTLE, M. B.,	Sandwich, Ill.
CUMMINGS, GEO. W.,	New York City.
EATON, W. D.,	
FREER, PAUL C.,	Boston, Mass.
HALL, H. P.,	St. Paul, Minn.
HUME, HUGH,	San Francisco, Cal.
LANGLAND, JAMES,	Milwaukee, Wis.
LUSH, CHAS. K.,	Milwaukee, Wis.
MALLERY, F. A.,	Erie, Pa.
PECK, FREDERICK W.,	Wichita, Kan.
PIERCE, GILBERT A.,	Bismarck, Dak.
PRICE, J. T.,	St. Paul, Minn.
PRIME, S. T. K.,	Dwight, Ill.
RICHARDSON, J. S.,	Wichita, Kan.
WAKEMAN, E. L.,	New York City.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

HATTON, JOSEPH,	London, Eng.
MACHETTA, BLANCHE ROOSEVELT,	London, Eng.
BURDETTE, ROBT. J.,	
LONG, COL. CHAS. CHAILLÉ,	Egypt.
NYE, EDGAR W.,	New York.
RILEY, JAMES WHITCOMB,	Indianapolis, Ind.

LIFE MEMBERS.

GEO. SCHNEIDER,	H. L. KOCHERSPERGER,
JOHN R. WALSH,	H. O. SHEPARD,
FERD. W. PECK.	

CONSTITUTION.

(SEE, ALSO, AMENDMENTS.)

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be Name.
THE PRESS CLUB OF CHICAGO.

SEC. 2. Its object shall be to bring members of the Object.
newspaper and literary professions together in closer personal relations, to further good-fellowship, and to provide members with comfortable Club rooms.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. There shall be four classes of members, active, non-resident, life and honorary.

SEC. 2. The following shall be eligible to active membership:

(a) Persons connected with the press in Chicago or elsewhere, as editors, reporters, proprietors, publishers or regular paid contributors or correspondents.

(*b*) Resident editors and regular paid correspondents of journals published in other large cities.

(*c*) Artists regularly employed in the newspaper profession.

(*d*) Authors of books of original matter published for general circulation, and persons regularly engaged in literary pursuits. ●

(*e*) Applicants for active membership must have possessed the above qualifications for one year, and be not less than twenty years old. Active members shall not number over two hundred.

Non-resident.

SEC. 3. Non-resident members shall possess all the qualifications of active members, save as to residence in Chicago.

Life.

SEC. 4. Persons eligible as active or non-resident members may become life members by conforming to Section 2 of Article VII.

Honorary.

SEC. 5. Prominent authors or writers, or persons who have placed the Club under deep obligation may be elected honorary members.

Privileges.

SEC. 6. Non-resident and honorary members shall enjoy all the privileges of active and life members except those of voting and holding office.

No woman.

SEC. 7. No woman shall be eligible to membership in this Club.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a First, Second and Third Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, a Recording Secretary,* and five Directors, to be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the Club, in the month of January of each year, all of whom shall constitute the Board of Directors. They shall hold office for one year, or until their successors shall be duly installed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors, to appoint the standing and special committees, and to act as the custodian of the bonds of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the vice-presidents, in their order, to perform the duties of President in case of his death, resignation or disability.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds of the Club, make a weekly report to the Board of Directors, and to pay all bills on the order of the Board.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to take charge of the rooms of the Club, under the supervision of the Board; and he shall make a weekly report to the Board. He shall collect all moneys due the Club,

* See ninth amendment.

keep an account thereof, and turn the same over to the Treasurer once a week, taking his receipt therefor.

Bonds.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer of this Club shall give a bond, with two sureties, in the sum of \$10,000, said bond to contain the usual provisions, and be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The Financial Secretary shall give a like bond, with two sureties, in the sum of \$1,000, to be approved in the same manner.

Recording Secretary.

SEC. 7. The Recording Secretary shall keep the books and records of the Club and of the Directory, and attend to the correspondence.

Directors.

SEC. 8. The Board of Directors, under the supervision of the Club, shall manage its affairs and render a report to the Club at its regular meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold weekly meetings at a fixed hour. Three members shall constitute a quorum. The order of business shall be as follows :

(a) Reading of minutes.

(b) Detailed report of Financial Secretary as to receipts, accounts and condition of the property of the Club.

(c) Report of Treasurer.

(d) Examination of bills and their payment by vouchers to be signed by the President and Secretary of the Board.

(e) Canvass of applications for membership.

(f) New business.

Whenever any member of the Club is reported to the Board of Directors as being sick or in need, the Board shall appoint a special visiting committee to investigate and report upon the case. Sick members.

The Board of Directors may remit the dues of any member on account of sickness or other sufficient reason, for the time during which such reason applies. Dues remitted.

SEC. 9. When a vacancy occurs in any office save that of President, by death, resignation, absence from the city, or other cause, the fact shall be announced at the next regular meeting of the Club, and an election to supply such vacancy shall be held at a future meeting, either special or regular, as the Club shall decide, and notice of such election shall be posted on the bulletin board for at least seven days prior to such election. Vacancies. How filled.

SEC. 10. In case of a vacancy in any other than the presidential office, the Board of Directors may appoint any member of the Club to discharge the duties until the Club fills the vacancy by election in the manner above described. Directors may appoint.

SEC. 11. If any member of the Board of Directors shall absent himself four times consecutively from the regular meetings of the Directors or of the Club without an excuse, the sufficiency of which shall be determined by the Directors or the Club respectively, his place may be declared vacant, and the vacancy may be filled by the Club in accordance with Section 9 of this Article. Absent Directors.

ARTICLE IV.

Application
for mem-
bership.

SECTION 1. Applications for membership must be made in writing, and posted on the bulletin board by the proposer for a period of at least two weeks before action thereon is taken by the Club. The Board of Directors shall canvass the names, and report at the meeting at which said names are to be voted upon.*

Balloting.

SEC. 2. All applications approved by the Board of Directors shall be voted upon severally† in regular meeting by secret ballot, and debate upon the applications shall be proper before balloting; and the President or presiding officer, the Secretary or acting Secretary, and the teller who receives the ballots, shall jointly examine and agree upon the result before the same is announced. No member shall act as teller at two consecutive meetings.

Rejected
applicants.

SEC. 3. No person shall be admitted to membership of any description in this Club against whose admission five votes shall have been cast. No person whose name has been rejected shall be eligible for membership until after the lapse of six months from the date of his rejection. All applications for membership shall be accompanied by at least one-third of the initiation fee in cash, which shall be deposited with the Financial Secretary.

Fee on
proposal.

Expulsion.

SEC. 4. Any member guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct, or of violation of any rule of the Club, may be suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors.

* See first amendment.

† See second amendment.

Any member suspended or expelled shall have the right of appeal to the Club, which may, at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote, overrule the action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. Non-resident newspaper men may enjoy Visitors. the privileges of the Club room for two weeks, upon being provided by a member with a visitor's card.

SEC. 2. Residents of Chicago eligible to membership Residents. shall not be admitted more than twice a year as visitors on the introduction of any member.*

SEC. 3. No non-member resident of Chicago, eligible Receptions to membership, shall be invited to the receptions held in the rooms of the Club.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. Annual meetings shall be held on the first Annual meetings. Thursday after the first day of January in every year. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Sunday of every month, except July and August,† at four o'clock, and special meetings may be called by the President, joined by a majority of the Board of Directors, or at the written call of any five members of the Club; and the Secretary shall, without question, give notice to members at the request of those authorized to order such meetings. At every

* See third amendment.

† See fourth amendment.

regular meeting of the Club the Board of Directors, the financial officers and the standing committees shall make reports. At the annual meeting the same officers and committees shall present annual reports of the matters over which they have had supervision, together with such suggestions as they deem for the interests of the Club.

SEC. 2. At the annual election the Financial Secretary shall be present with the books of the Club,* and no member owing more than \$2 on any account shall vote.

SEC. 3. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum to transact all business at regular and special meetings, provided that a two-thirds vote in a quorum of thirty shall be necessary to the expulsion of a member.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION I. The initiation fee shall be as follows :

(a) For active members, fifteen dollars, payable in three equal installments, the first upon proposal for membership, and the other two at monthly intervals after election to membership.

(b) For non-resident members, five dollars.†

(c) For life members, none.

(d) For honorary members, none.

SEC. 2. The dues shall be as follows :

(a) For active members, one dollar per month, payable monthly in advance ; or ten dollars per year, payable annually in advance.

* See fifth amendment.

† See sixth amendment.

Financial
Secretary's
report.

Quorum.

Fees and
dues.

(*b*) For non-resident members, five dollars per year, payable annually in advance.

(*c*) For life members, one hundred dollars, payable upon admission as such.

(*d*) For honorary members, none.

SEC. 3. The dues of the Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary shall be remitted for the months during which they serve. Remitted dues.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. Notifications of indebtedness for dues shall be sent out on the first of each month, and shall be accompanied by a copy of this Article. Upon the 10th of each month the names of all members owing four dollars for dues shall be posted on the Club bulletin board by the Financial Secretary. Names posted.

SEC. 2. On the 10th of each month the names of all members owing five dollars or more, together with the amount of their indebtedness, shall be placed on a list by the Financial Secretary and handed to the President, and at the next regular meeting the President, rising, shall read as follows : " By direction of the Constitution of this Club, the Financial Secretary is hereby instructed to give notice to the following members [here he shall read the names and amounts] that they are delinquent for the amounts specified, and that at the next regular meeting the Club will take action upon their cases." And the Delinquent list.

name of no delinquent, who may owe five dollars or more, shall be omitted from the said list.*

Delinquents
expelled.

SEC. 3. At each regular meeting of the Club, the President, having been furnished with the list of notified delinquents, shall read as follows: "Under Article VIII of the Constitution the following members stand before the Club in the attitude of delinquents, whose cases require final action [here he shall read the names and amounts due]. What is the desire of the Club?" And the name of no notified delinquent shall be omitted or suppressed, and the delinquents may then and there, by a majority vote, be dropped from membership.

Compulsory
on officers.

SEC. 4. In the event of the failure by the President or Financial Secretary, or of the persons filling their places, to carry out rigidly the provisions of this Article, it shall be the duty of each and every member to bring the matter before the Club.

Reinstatement.

SEC. 5. Any person excluded from the Club under this Article shall be entitled to readmission to membership upon the same terms and conditions as to posting of name on the bulletin board, approval by the Board of Directors, and election at a general meeting of the Club as a person applying for membership for the first time, but subject, however, to the following payments: The amount due to the Club from such member at the time he ceased to become a member; a sum equal to one dollar a month for the whole of the time which shall have elapsed between the

* See seventh amendment.

time of his ceasing to become a member and the time of his reelection; and ten dollars for one year's dues in advance. Provided, however, that in the event of the aggregate sum of one dollar a month during the time he was excluded from the Club exceeding fifteen dollars, the sum of fifteen dollars shall be accepted in satisfaction thereof.

SEC. 6. Members of the Club about to remove from the city, either temporarily or otherwise, may, upon application to the Board of Directors, have their names transferred to the list of non-resident members, subject to dues in the sum of five dollars per year. Members failing to secure such transfer shall be regarded as regular active members, subject to the regular monthly assessment.*

Transfer
of active
to non-
resident.

SEC. 7. Any member of the Club who may have heretofore resigned, or who shall hereafter resign, in good standing, shall, at any time thereafter, be entitled to readmission to membership upon the same terms and conditions as to payment of initiation fee, posting of name on the bulletin board, approval by the Board of Directors, and election at a general meeting of the Club as a person applying for membership for the first time. Provided, however, that any member of the Club, who shall have resigned as aforesaid, in view of a *bona fide* intention to leave the city, and shall, in fact, leave the city, shall, upon application for readmission to membership, be entitled thereto upon

*See eighth amendment.

payment of an initiation fee of five dollars, in place of the ordinary initiation fee of fifteen dollars, subject, however, to fulfillment of all the other terms and conditions applying to a first application for membership.

ARTICLE IX.

Order of
business.

SECTION 1. The order of business at all regular meetings of the Club shall be as follows:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports of officers.
4. Reading of delinquent lists, if any.
5. Reports of standing committees.
6. Reports of special committees.
7. Election of members.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.

SEC. 2. The standing committees of the Club shall be as follows:

1. On annual entertainment, five members.
2. On receptions, five members.
3. On library and museum, three members.
4. On art, three members.

ARTICLE X.

The library.

SECTION 1. No book belonging to the library shall be taken out of the Club rooms.

SEC. 2. The moneys of the Club shall be applied to the actual necessary current expenses, in accordance with the discretion of the Board of Directors. Appropriations for benevolent purposes may be made by the Club at any general or special meeting, by a three-fourths vote of the members present.

Expendi-
tures.

SEC. 3. Whenever any member shall compel credit from an employé of the Club, such action shall be reported to the Board of Directors at their next meeting by the Financial Secretary, and if the member, upon notification by the Directors, shall not, before the next meeting of the Board, pay the indebtedness incurred, he shall be expelled by the Board.

Compulsion
of credit.

SEC. 4. On all parliamentary questions not otherwise provided for, Roberts' Rules of Order shall be authority.

Rules of
order.

SEC. 5. This Constitution may be amended at such time or times as shall be deemed advisable; all amendments to the same to be handed in, in writing, four weeks before they are put upon their passage at a regular Club meeting, and to be posted in the Club rooms, where they can be seen by the members, at least three weeks before action thereon; such amendments to be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Amend-
ments.

AMENDMENTS.

TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1.

1. Change final sentence to read: "Applications shall be numbered in the order of the dates of their being posted, and the Board of Directors shall canvass and pass upon them in said order, and report thereon to the Club at the meeting at which said names are to be voted upon."

TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2.

2. After the word "severally" in second line insert the words "in their numerical order."

TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 2.

3. Add "and the names of such visitors, with the dates of their visits, shall be entered in the Club register by the introducing members."

TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.

4. Strike out the words "except July and August."

TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2.

5. After the word "Club" in the second line, change to read: "and no member whose name is then posted under operation of Article VIII shall vote."

TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1. (b)

Change to read: "For non-resident members, fifteen 6.
dollars."

TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 2.

Add: "All notified delinquents must pay their indebt- 7.
edness in full. Failing to do so, they shall be continued
on the list, and be subject to final action by the Club as
provided under Sec. 3."

TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 6.

Add: "Non-resident members who shall become resi- 8.
dents of Chicago shall, by vote of the Board of Directors,
be transferred to the list of active members, providing
there be a vacancy. In case the membership be full, such
non-resident member shall take precedence over new
applicants for membership."

TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 1.

Amend by inserting after the words "Recording 9.
Secretary," the words, "a Librarian."

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